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Friend Kinsey

I sent yesterday a Box to your address, enclosed you will find a Receipt from the Express Office, I finally concluded to send it by Express, for there is no knowing when there will be any other chance, I sent everything you sent for, and Mr Cass has sent you, a lot of Books to while away your time, when you have nothing else to do, In the Box there is a Package for Dr Darling one for Major Craig, and one for Lieut Saldlaw, the Express charges, is \$7⁰⁰ which you must collect the Share of each one, I thought it best on consultation with Col Harrower and Capt Dumas to send them by Express.

We got bad news from your Army Corps the last news we had but I am in hopes when we hear again, that the news may change for good, the rumour here was that Capt Pile was taken prisoner but Col Harrower tells me that he does not belong to your Regt now, but is a Lieut Col in a negro Regt. is that so, you must have had considerable changes since you left here, I met Major Strawn in New York a Month ago, but he either could not or would not tell me anything about the Regt, but Col Harrower explained it all to me

when I saw him.

We are getting a good many Conscripts here at our Barracks, and we have sent away for the last Forty Days One Hundred a day, and I think we shall do the same for the next Thirty Days, Lieut Jones is an Officer in the Invalid Corps, he was in the Store this Morning and he desired to be remembered to you Eddie Howell was here the other day and desired to be particularly remembered to you, and he says when he gets time he will write you.

Col Hoffman and Major Gregg are both at home retired from active service doing nothing Capt Dingley is Military Store Keeper for this Depot Lieut Col Crane is Capt. of the 107th N.Y.V. and those are all the Officers (except Benedict he is Adjutant of the 107th) the rest have all retired to private life.

I hardly know of any news I can tell you only Slater talks of coming down to be Sutter of your Regt. if agreeable, which I suppose it will be. I have been all day writing this short letter we are very busy and I am called of every minute Mr Cass and Freddie desire to be remembered to you Write me when you receive this and believe me to be

(My kind regards to Dr Darling)

Your Friend
John Cass

Lieut Col Kinsey

To John Cass Sr

1 Uniform Suit		\$44.00
1 for Straps		10.00
1 Valise		10.00
1 Sword Belt		5.50
2 Flan Shirts		7.00
2 Under Shirts		5.00
2 for Drawers		5.00
12 Pkt Soap	40	4.80
1 1/2 Hose		4.50
1 for Gauntlets		2.00
1 Rubber Coat		12.00
3 Jewels	2-	.75
1 Military Cap		2.50
1 W.S. Wreath		1.50
Exp prep Freight		7.00
		<u>\$121.55</u>

I have done the best I can in filling your Order.

John Cass