

Headquarters 3<sup>rd</sup> Brig  
Jany 10<sup>th</sup> '65

Dear Farley

I have been very much disappointed at not seeing you down here this winter. Everything was in readiness for you and I could have accommodated you nicely. I am glad that you enjoyed yourself so much in Brooklyn however and that the pleasure you derived from that jaunt mat compensate for the postponement of your visit to the army. Every thing in camp goes on quietly. Drill inspections parades reviews etc are the order of the day and our Brig bids fair to become one of the best in the army. Yesterday Genl Smyth reviewed the Brigade, in order to see how well it would appear in the coming Division review and was well pleased. In the afternoon Hamilton, Hoyt and Gould all called here. Hamilton and Hoyt scarcely show the effect of their summers imprisonment.<sup>1</sup>

A word or two in business and I must close. I expect to send my mare home in a week or two, and have her turned out. She is a splendid horse, but needs rest. I want you to see if Uncle Joe has any place for her to run in. I want her shoes taken off, and she to have free sail for six months. It would be pretty hard on her to turn her right out without any shelter, but if he can let her run in the barnyard for a month or two where there is some protection from the wind and cold, she would soon get used to the exposure and could be put out into a pasture. Please let me know if Uncle Joe <sup>2</sup>could make room for her.

Affectionately  
Your Bro  
Sam Porter.

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Endnotes:

<sup>1</sup> Thomas Alfred Smyth commanded the 2<sup>nd</sup> Div. while Maj. Gen. John Gibbon was absent. The Brigade was the 3<sup>rd</sup> of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Div.

Henry G. Hamilton, Capt. Co.K and Henry Hoyt, Capt. Co. I, 140<sup>th</sup> NY were both captured in the Wilderness on May 5, 1864 and paroled in Dec. 1864.

Seward Gould was now a major in the 4<sup>th</sup> NYHA.

<sup>2</sup>This would be Joseph Farley (1813-1887), father of Porter Farley.