

Head Quarters 3rd Brig
November 6th 1864

Dear Father

The Genl leaves tomorrow for Delaware on a ten day leave of absence taking Parsons with him.¹ During their absence I shall be chief fiddle around HdQrs. A few days ago I invested in horse flesh, and have no money to send by Parsons for the things which I want, I will therefore be obliged to call upon you for fifty dollars which you will please hand the Adjutant.

My horse is the prettiest thing you ever saw, a black mare small but perfectly formed and not a white hair on her. She is pronounced by all the handsomest beast of her size in the Corps, and I would b not take \$350 for her. I was obliged to pay cash for her so am rather short. Parsons is to bring me a citrins (*sic*) saddle etc etc. I am well and enjoying myself. I see Seward Gould often and the boys of the 140th.² Tell F[arley] that if he has not sent the balls I asked him for to give them to P.

Much love to all
Your affect son
Sam Porter
Capt ADC and A.A.A.G

Endnotes:

¹ General Thomas Alfred Smyth and Theron Edwards Parsons.

²Seward Gould was a Captain in the 4th NYHA.
The 140th NY was another Rochester unit in which his cousin Porter Farley once served.