

Head Quarters 19th Army Corps
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My dear sir.

Some time ago I wrote to you or to Peter (Peter I think) but have had no answer & therefore suppose like a good many others has miscarried. I hope before very long to be relieved & to return to my regiment as I accepted the position only for a short time and as all thoughts of going overland to Texas are over I can return to the regiment honorably & it is the wish I believe of Gen^l Birge that I should –

I had a letter from Harry the other day & he said you were unwell but I hope it is nothing serious & that by the time this reaches you your health will be as usual. How does little Hermann get on & his mother? By the way I met a cousin or second cousin of Mrs T some time ago a Captain I have forgotten his name, who spoke very kindly of his cousin "Nattie."

Harry says you desire him & Frank to resign as you have a good opening for them if this is so anything I can do count upon me although I should be sorry to lose either of them especially Frank who is a good faithful Officer & whom I think the country needs Nevertheless if you want them you shall have them as for myself I shall stick to the flag to the end or until the three years are over Since I have been here we have had almost daily "affairs" & sometimes more or less serious. The guerillas are exceeding lively and "gobble" up all who venture outside the lines in small parties. We have lost a good many mails & officers this way. My own orderly & a private horse of mine were captured in this way last week. In my position of Provost Marshal in the field I have about enough of niggers to suit "Horace the Immortal" I have to feed & send to the rear a large number daily –

I wish you would now & then remember me & let me know how business is getting on. If you have not time please let Drake or Edgar write now & then when they have time as I like to be posted.

Yours truly
Edward L. Molineux
Col. A Ast Inspector & Provost Marshall General
U S Forces in the field. I give you all my titles.

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I am much obliged for your attend in sending money to Hattie & keeping me alive in the business All the drafts I have drawn I have remitted for to Mr. Burnham & others kept my regimental & personal expenses within my government pay. This although I have lost heavily by baggage, horses, & remitted money captured by the rebels.

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