

Hd Quarters 159th Reg. N.Y.V.
3rd Brigade Grover's Division
Jany 7th 1863

Dear Sir

I write a few hasty lines in considerable trouble of spirit about Harry. He is well & hearty but in low spirited & is determined he says to get out of it – honorably if he can, if not to get out some way or the other. He talks too loudly of secession being right & that if he cannot resign, of being dismissed for disobeying orders. I have changed him to another company hoping it would have a good effect & at his desire. As he is healthy his resignation would not be accepted & I want him to wait, patiently for as I tell him he will not only disgrace his family but his regiment. I hope this feeling of his will wear out but he is violent about it & I cannot reason him out of the feeling. I think if you will write to him mildly but firmly about his sticking it out as a man soldier it would be as well. It is not that he is afraid but that he hates the government & despises it. I hope to promote Frank although he is homesick in fact most of the men & officers are & I have a delightful time of it while this desponding feeling is around. All the officers are either sick or low spirited & I have my hands full so much so that I have no time to be sick & consequently am well. I am determined to stick it out fairly & squarely & do my best as an office & man whether the government is a wretched one or not.

We all wish most heartily we were in the Potomac.

I great haste

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Let them know in Brooklyn that I am well

S M. Ford cashed y draft on you for \$25. I hope we will get pay soon