

Office Provost Marshal
Augusta Ga. May 21st 1865

Dear Father

I have as yet received no letters from home & am correspondingly anxious in regard to your welfare & health. I am in hopes that the next mail may bring me some letters. We left Savannah on the morning of the 11th & after an uneventful march through a rather desolate country arrived at Waynesboro (33 miles from Augusta) on the night of the 16th. We reached Augusta at 2 A.M. 17th. On the 18th I was sent by Genl. Molineux to hunt up some Cotton. I had a fine ride about 5 miles from the town & found every thing all right. I reported to Genl. M. & was ordered around to his office as Asst. P.M. for a few days when I expect to get some position nearer Edward.

This town is a very pretty place although at present it is rather dull. The streets are laid out at right angles & some of the houses are very pretty.

I have been so busy since arriving here that I have had no opportunity of looking around. The town is crowded with paroled Officers & Soldiers. The rush to take the Oath of Allegiance is tremendous & my time is all taken up approving the applications. Our regt. is doing provost guard duty & are finely quartered in the "City Hotel." Nearly all our Officers are on some detached duty & all hands have plenty to do.

I have been in the enjoyment of excellent health. The weather has been pretty warm although we have had several showers which have cooled the air. We have all kinds of fruit & vegetables. Strawberries, blackberries, beans, peas &c. are very plenty, although the great drought has almost destroyed the crops. Money is very scarce. I have lent & spent nearly all I took out with me & may have to draw on you for more. The troops have not been paid since last August & their families are suffering for want of the money. I hope the Pay master may come soon & relieve our wants. The inhabitants of this city have but little money & trade is perfectly dear.

I have become acquainted with a Mr. Richards who collected some claims for the firm some years ago. I will write as often as possible & I hope you will do the same. Love to all the folks.

I remain
Your Affectionate Son
Frank

Direct Genl. Molineux's Hd.Qrs. Augusta Ga.