

Office Provost Marshal
Augusta Ga June 3d 1865.

Dear Father –

I wrote you a few lines this morning not having time for more. I have been pretty well since my last. I had diarrhea for two or three days but soon recovered. I have been very busy in approving Applications for the Oath & from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. hardly have a minute to call my own. In regard to business as I wrote you this morning – if one of the firm or some sharp reliable man were sent here he might make a good thing. Trade at present is perfectly dead, there being no money here but I think that as soon as things are settled there will be a large trade done. Some one should be on hand to act & no one would do better than a principal. This is what Edward advised me to write. He says he can give you quarters & fix everything for your convenience or any one you send. If any one comes it will be necessary to bring money with them (in small bills mostly) for no one here has any money & drafts on New York you cannot get cashed on that account. I do not doubt that you could procure a good farm at a very reasonable figure for many of the planters are going north & in the present unsettled state of agriculture many would undoubtedly be glad to sell. Edward states distinctly that occupying the position he does he cannot do any thing for many are anxious to get a hold on him & doing any thing of the kind he would place himself in a false position. I can do nothing for precisely the same reason. Edward can help any one who comes down here & do good service in that way. Whatever you do must be done at once for already there are a number of Speculators here waiting for something to turn up.

I wrote to you a short time ago for my trunk with my shirts, some towels, socks, handkerchiefs, &c. The letter may have been burned as we lost two mails here recently by the burning & sinking of two Steamers & that letter may have been on one of them. I wish you would send it immediately as I need the clothes. Send by Adams Express Care Lieut. John H Charles A.A. Q.M. Savannah Ga. You can put in any little articles to fill up. This town is made up largely of men from Northern States. I have become acquainted with several men from New York & have been quite well treated by them. Give my love to all the folks. Hoping soon to hear from you again

I remain
Your Affectionate Son
Frank