

Office Provost Marshal
Augusta Geo. June 19/65

Dear Father

Your letter of June 3d has come safely to hand & I am delighted to hear that all at home are well. I have been in very good health except suffering very much from the heat. The weather is intensely warm & we feel it very much.

I have been very busy indeed having all I can attend to, to do. Our Provost Marshal has gone home & I am acting in his place till some one comes from Savannah to relieve me. Five regts. have gone to Savannah to be mustered out & sent home & it is probable that we will be kept in service till the last of October.

We are very short handed here having so few men to do duty.

I telegraphed to you by direction of Edward to come down here in person. My letter written before this I suppose you have recd. that contains the reasons for your appearing in person. The removal of the 25% tax on Cotton has revived trade wonderfully. I think as soon as the Pay master comes up & gets the money in circulation here there will be a good trade done.

I had some peaches yesterday the first of the season. Watermelons are in market but they ask the outrageous price of two dollars a piece for them. Figs are very plenty & very cheap. I went to a barbecue one day last week & had a very gay time of it. We had lamb & pork barbecue with all the vegetables of the season & I eat more than I have eaten in many a day.

I wrote a letter of introduction to you for Mr. Thos. White of this city formerly from Buffalo. He is a very fine young man & his character is excellent. He & his family have treated me since I have been here almost as one of them.

If I do not have too much to do I am going to try for a furlough this summer. I may not get it for I expect we will be home so soon that there will be no necessity for it.

I hope my trunk will be along pretty soon for I am sadly in need of the clothes. The Office is crowded with ladies to take the Oath & we have all we can do to attend to them.

Hoping this may find you well & with love to all

I remain
Your Affectionate Son
Frank