

Office Provost Marshal
Augusta Geo. June 28th 1865

Dear Father

I have your letter of the 17th inst. as well as one of 27th Feby. written to me at Annapolis. I am glad to hear that all at home are well & hope they may continue so. I have been in the enjoyment of excellent health except what I suffer from the warm weather which is now getting very intense. We have all we can attend to in the Office, & it being always crowded keeps the air very warm. We have administered the Oath to over 6000 persons & and many are coming in to take it all the time.

Last Saturday morning I went out to Col. A.C. Walker's place about 15 miles from here with a friend & stayed over till Monday morning. I had a most delightful time spent in the company of two young ladies from New York who were unfortunate enough to be here at the outbreak of the war & could not get away. Col. Walker is the very soul of Hospitality & he did every thing in his power to make my stay pleasant & agreeable. He related his experience as a Fox Hunter for which he was famous some 10 years ago. There were several of his old companions out there with him & it was as pleasant for me to sit & listen to their conversation as though I had known them for years. The Col. is a fine looking man about 60 years of age with grey hair almost white very tall & commanding in his figure. He was engaged in the Florida war when he was commissioned Colonel. He was one of those opposed to the secession movement & has been so ever since the war commenced. He had not aided the rebellion in the least & although he was nearly ruined by Sherman's march through Georgia yet he upholds the Govt. in all its actions & expresses himself satisfied at all they do.

The Paymaster has got up here but he is only to pay the Colored troops so it is probable we will not get a cent till our muster out. It is too bad it is so, for our men have not been paid for 10 months & many of their families are in actual want. If the Govt. knew how badly the men are off for want of their pay I think they would do something for them.

The box has not yet come to hand although I expect it on the Steamer due here to day.

Hoping this finds all well & with love to all, I remain

Your Affectionate Son
Frank.