

Montgomery June 7<sup>th</sup> 1863

Dear Sample

I have just received yours of the 4<sup>th</sup>,  
I should have went to Tuscaloosa last Sunday, but will be  
back to day or to-morrow. I have prepared a  
letter to Gen. Maury for him, and will see that  
it is attended to in mediocrity on his return.  
I thought it better not to say any thing about the  
application to be assigned to duty with Gen. M  
being made with the view of giving attention to  
your individual business, but fearing it might  
operate injuriously, and supposing that in  
case the assignment was made there would be but  
little difficulty in accomplishing the result you  
wish. I enclose you a copy of the letter I have  
prepared for the Governor

As to the resignation of Judge I would give a  
day or two since. I have heard nothing more  
no news, but very great anxiety felt as to  
reaching.

I have thought it better that the letter to Maury  
should come from the Governor than myself.  
As I have never seen him but once, and then  
only for about three minutes, and he would  
probably regard it as ~~a~~ an unwarrantable  
presumption, justified neither by posit-  
ion or my acquaintance with him

Yours Truly  
Geo Goldsworth

Major Executive Dept  
Montgomery

General

My friend Capt Henry C Sample, an  
Arkansas officer who has ~~for~~ commanded  
Batteries in the Army of Tennessee for the  
last twelve months has been strongly recom-  
mended for promotion by his superior  
officers including General Bragg and  
Hardee. Should he be promoted, he is des-  
irous of being assigned to duty with your  
command, and speaking from a long  
and intimate acquaintance with him  
I believe I can say with ~~confidence~~  
~~confidence~~ that you will find his ser-  
vices valuable. He has been a resident  
of the State for many years, had dis-  
tinctly a high standing at the bar, and  
is a gentleman in the best sense of  
the word. His business capacity, and  
intimate knowledge of the people  
and resources of the State, together  
with his energy and practical good  
sense, cannot fail to render him val-  
uable to any one entrusted with  
an important command in South Alabama.

It is under these circumstances I take the  
liberty of asking your cooperation so far as  
his assignment to duty with your command  
and shall deem it a personal honor if you  
can consistently make an application ~~for~~

wanted to the proper authority for his  
transfers. I am satisfied you will find  
them every thing, I have said

Very Respectfully  
Yours

Miss Colchester  
Jan 8/63

Capt. Henry C Semple  
Comdr, Semple's Battery,  
Swan. Trace  
Tennessee

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Dear Semple

I have just received yours of the 4<sup>th</sup>, Shorter went to Tuscaloosa last Sunday, but will be back to day or to-morrow. I have prepared a letter to Gen. Maury for him, and will see that it is attended to immediately on his return.

I thought it better not to say any thing about the application to be assigned to duty with Gen. M. Being made with the view of giving attention to your individual business. ~~but~~ fearing it might operate injuriously, and supposed that in case the assignment was made there would be but little difficulty in accomplishing the result you wish I enclose you a copy of the letter I have prepared for the Governor

As to the resignation of Judge I wrote you a day or two since. I have heard nothing more no news, but very great anxiety felt as to Vixburg.

I have thought it better that the letter to Maury should come from the Governor than myself. ~~The~~ I have never seen him but once, and then only for about three minutes, and he would probably regard it as a ~~pe~~ an [-] ble presumption, justified neither my position or my acquaintance with him

Yours Truly

Geo Goldthwaite

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Executive Dept

Montgomery

General

My friend Capt Henry C Semple an Artillery Officer ~~who has fo~~ commanding a Battery in the army of Tennessee for the last twelve months has been strongly recommended for promotion by his superior officers including Generals Bragg and Hardee. Should he be promoted, he is desirous of being assigned to duty with your command, and speaking from a long and intimate acquaintance with him I believe I can say with perfect confidence that you will find his ser-

vices valuable. He has been a resident of the State for many years, had deservedly a high standing at the bar, and is a gentleman in the best sense of the word. His business capacity, and intimate knowledge of the people and resources of the State, together with his energy and practical good sense, cannot fail to render him serviceable to any one entrusted with an important command in South Alabama.

¶ Under these circumstances I take the liberty of asking your cooperation so far as his assignment to duty with good command and shall esteem it a personal favor if you can consistently make an application for

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~~transfer~~ to the proper authority for his transfer. I am satisfied you will find him every thing I have said

Very Respect<sup>ly</sup> &c