Plantation May 3rd 1863.

Dear Tom

I received your l[illegible] about two days ago. That you [illegible] not participated in any of th[illegible]d riots I am truly pleased. I th[illegible] Mismanagers at Tusc[illegible]ught to be gibbeted. Bu[illegible]ch prefer that you [illegible] the Executioner [illegible] in you of which a [illegible] a highly honorable ma[illegible] be made - and now it [illegible]ed on yourself whether the [illegible]tunity will be improved or [illegible] to pass away I fear after this war that [illegible] will be but few of your age who will be educated gentlemen. The wild excitement hurries every thing in its path. and seems to be sweeping away all old landmarks I try hard to resist the torrent and do hope that you will do all in your power. to improve yourself

The 2nd Battalion left Cumberland Gap about the 24th ult for Beans Station. Tennessee. I presume are there now. All were well - but rations very scarce. having had only 1½th meat for the last thirteen days. Beans Station. Tennessee is for the present their address.

Heard from James by date of 24th was just in from front - was well - Company in fine health. Writes that there is some doubt as to Sawyers promotion. He James [illegible] to have had an unlucky time [illegible] I think that long since he ought [illegible] have been promoted. Your [illegible] is no

mother is weaker and weaker
every day. All the balance
of [illegible] are well. The health
of [illegible] negroes is much better
[illegible] than [illegible]
[illegible] is pretty good
[illegible] is doing finely. Shall
[illegible] ability make enough
[illegible] supposing that you
[illegible] in about an
[illegible] this.

Yrs truly
Bolling Hall

May 5th 1863

Dear [illegible] I had finished the above letter when yours requesting a further remittance was received. I enclose as you ask twenty five dollars. This makes for the short time that you have been at Tuscaloosa of money carried with you $250. since sent thirty and now twenty five $75 = $355. besides seventy two dollars paid for cloth forwarded you equal to $422. besides other clothing. This makes a large sum I do not know that you have at all been in fault. See that you have all proper receipts. so that there may be nothing wrong in your payments. This is about as the has been. Heard nothing from any of the boys since writing above

Yrs &c
Bolling Hall

P.S Dear Son [illegible] send this certificate of deposits as the safest way of making the remittance. Carry it [illegible] bank and get the money from them.

Yrs &c
Bolling Hall

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