

Camp near Chattanooga Tenn

July 5th 1868

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You wrote that I might expect Tom in
a few days. If he can get a position
else where he had better accept it. For I

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him a ^{Commissionary} position here.

But I can
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him out of the ranks. I suppose

you are acquainted with Rufus
Cobb a lawyer of Shelby County, and

a Breckenridge "elector" in the last Presidential Campaign. He went out in the 10th Ala Regt to be" as capt in 1861, - afterwards resigned - and joined John T. Morgan's Cavalry Regt as a private. He has been elected a Lt. in our Regt and we are making endeavors to get him in as our Quartermaster to rank as Captain. He is a fine man and good friend to me. If he gets this position (and I have no doubt that he will) he has a right to select any one that he chooses for his quartermaster sergeant and offers to take Tom until I can find some position for him. I have heard Tom express a preference for this position, and I am sure that he will get on admirably in the Regt. I do not like to ask officers to have him elected in their companies before they have seen

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was in Chattanooga and I went
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you wrote of. But I did not see
him for he was not in town. I
cant go to town today but I have
sent word to him to come out
and see me. If I fail in getting

this negro, I will write again immedi-
ately and must beg of you to use
every endeavor to hire one for me,
I have lost nearly every thing I had
on this march and have been
without rations for 2 days at a time
because I had no servant. I will
pay as high as \$400 per year rather than be
without one. Let Myrick tell me that
in the course of 2 or 3 months he can get
a negro cheap. Therefore I would pre-
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July 4th

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