

Camp 2 Bat. Ala Legion
Strawberry Plains Tenn

My dear Mother, Aug 17 1863

Your letter was received
a day or two ago in which you say
Loye wrote from Chattanooga informing
you of a difficulty between Crenshaw
myself & Maj. Loye & desire to know
the circumstances. You were arrested
at first but as we were released next
day I thought best not to say anything
more about it, ~~until~~ as well as
I can remember I will give you the particulars
About six or seven weeks before the difficulty
occurred Loye had sent me a message
which I considered impertinent & afterwards met
him & told him so. His reply was not
satisfactory so that I got more angry &
said some pretty hard things to him.
The day of the ^{riot} difficulty the Battⁿ was
ordered to Strawberry Plains but as I
was summoned as a witness before the
Examining Board I had to remain. Crenshaw
staid also to attend some little business
both expecting to join the Battⁿ that night.
We were standing on the street talking
to Maj. Cook & others when Loye came up
& I, having forgotten everything which had
previously occurred addressed him very politely
& asked if there were any news from the election.
He said no & then immediately desired to know
if I intended an insult to him the
day formerly alluded to. I did not
like his tone so refused to make any

any explanation whatever. He then remarked
"You took advantage of my being on duty
that day to insult me, and —"

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knew nothing of his being on duty & even had
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sult then as afterwards when off duty. He
only desired a plausible excuse for waiting
so long before he noticed it. He was
a confused & did it took six (6) weeks to get
his courage up to the sticking point.)

I cut him short in the midst of the
above remark as I greatly desired to
avoid a public difficulty which I saw
might possibly grow out of what
he was saying, by replying - "Stop
Maj. Long if you considered the remarks
made to you that day insulting will
wait until we get in private & will
make your statements to me the matter
can be settled & I assure ^{you} it shall be
done on terms of perfect equality no
regard being had for rank."

This I felt sure would stop any-
thing from occurring on the street
which I was particularly anxious to
avoid. But to my surprise he answered
~~me~~ me thus "Well the statements
you made that day were untrue."

Of course there was but one reply to this
and I did as I know you should have
done & as I should have done had
he been sitting in Gen Buckner's lap.
Very soon some officer caught me behind

I about the same time Crenshaw ran
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stood the cuts were in his arm of course
nothing dangerous, Crenshaw being
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Well the upshot of it was that I got a
good lick under my eye. Crenshaw was
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knife.

Of course I disliked the occurrence very
much though I don't regret my having
said or done anything I did. Let it drop
& I hope it will not be talked about.

We are under a sort of obligation not
to renew it while our arrest is suspended.
I do not think any further notice will
be taken of it.

Very greeting you peacefully.

The elections at home have had
a bad effect among the men & I fear
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structionists in majority at home & will
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~~At Ft. 2 Bat Ala Legion
Montgomery Plains Aug 17 08~~

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continual reports from Ala that
these men are all reconstructionists &
calling on them to explain.

If they do do this & I cannot hear
something better or my own don't
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to be called on to explain. Well I
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J B Blue Jr.



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