

In Camp, Near Maassas, N.Y., 28. 1862

My dear Maj.

I have just received yours in closing Cherry's, & hasten to reply, & send two letters inclosed; one to Alex Smith, & another for Walden (I have forgotten his given name) which you ^{can} address to him correctly, or, to any other prominent man of that County who you think may be of more service to Bobing, & who may be known to me, & one for the public generally. I have already written you to Montgomery, relative to Bobing's joining Capt. Davis in raising a company. I has ~~has~~ already made application for leave of absence for the purpose, but there may be some doubt about his obtaining it, for since the disaster in Kentucky, they have ceased granting leaves of absence in this army, to the Privates at least & may be to the officers. So that it may not be prudent to wait too long for Davis; you will be able however, to judge of this somewhat, by the opportunities afforded him by other arrangements.

The letter you last contained a draft on the Bank of Commerce ^{for \$100⁰⁰} (dearly Mrs. Bush of Montgomery for needs of my Regt.) which I desired Elmore to collect for me, or place to my credit. I ~~thought~~ it payable to his order, however, & hope it will thus be saved. Always at your service believe me very truly yours:
J. J. Scales

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