

Camp 24<sup>th</sup> Ala Regt near Chattanooga  
Tuesday July 28<sup>th</sup> 1863.

My Dear Father

Your kind and truly welcome favor of the 19<sup>th</sup> Inst came to hand yesterday and was perused with much interest I always feel a little impatient, and anxious for a few days whenever I am expecting a letter from home, but when it is received and I am assured that all is well, then I am contented and comparatively easy for a few days. I am highly gratified to know that you have every prospect for an abundant crop and if no accident should befall it, and it is gathered safely, you will be all right for another year in the provision line. You acknowledge the receipt of my letter of July 10<sup>th</sup>. If I mistake not, that is the letter in which I enclosed you a Hundred Dollar Bill. I did not mention having sent it in the letter, as I had finished writing before I made up my mind to send it. I had been keeping it for some time thinking, that probably I might get a leave of absence to go home, and if so I would need it to pay my expenses. But when Gen. Bragg refused to let me go, I concluded that I would have no further use for it, and enclosed it to you. I hope that you have received it all safe. I would much rather have had the pleasure of spending it, in making a visit to you and the little ones at home. It is to be hoped that my time to go home, will come before long. Some few Officers have succeeded in getting a short leave to go home, who I don't think had any better reason for going than I have. Tell Pappa that he must

not let George be pressed into the Service. He must tell  
the Officers who are collecting horses for the Government, that he  
belongs to a Field Officer in the Service and that he wants  
him for his own use, and they will not take him. They  
have no right to take a horse from an Officer who is in the  
Service and who is entitled to him for his own use. If he  
is as fine a horse as I think he is, I could sell him here for  
Eight hundred or a thousand Dollars. I am glad to hear that  
your horse has gotten home safely from Vicksburg. I understand  
that the whole of Pemberton's Army have been furloughed for  
thirty days. I hope that it is true. They certainly need  
rest and recuperation after having been pinned up and starved  
for so long a time. Tell Mother that I am much obliged  
to her for the pair of jeans which she is making for me.  
I shall ever feel grateful to her, for the many good services  
which she has done for me. I will thank it next winter  
I am doing very well at present. My Summer Under Shirts  
have all worn out and I had to throw them away. I have  
not had on any for the last two days, and I feel very uncom-  
fortable. It has been so very warm since I commenced wear-  
ing them and have never went a day without them since  
until now. I tried to get some in Chattanooga, but they  
asked me twenty dollars for a pair, so I concluded to do  
without. I am a little uneasy, for fear it will make me  
sick, but I concluded that I had rather do without, than  
to pay that price. Ned is very well. He says that he would  
like very much to go home, but seeing that the prospects for going  
are so very bad, he tries to be contented. Every thing  
remains quiet as usual. No news of any interest that I  
can hear. Give my love to Pappa Mother and

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My Dear Bettie:

Your kind and truly welcome favor of the 19th Inst. came to hand yesterday and was perused with much interest I always feel a little impatient and anxious for a few days whenever I am expecting a letter from home, but when it is received and I am assured that all is well then I am contented and comparatively easy for a few days. I am highly gratified to know that you have every prospect for an abundant crop and if no accident should befall it, and it is gathered safely, you will be all right for another year in the provision line. You acknowledge the receipt of my letter of July 10th. If I mistake not that is the letter in which I enclosed you a hundred dollar bill. I did not mention having sent it in the letter, as I had finished writing before I made up my mind to send it. I had been keeping it for some time thinking that probably I might get a leave of absence to go home and if so I would need it to pay my expenses. But when Gen. Bragg refused to let me go, I concluded that I would have no further use for it and enclosed it to you. I hope that you have received it all safe. I would much rather have had the pleasure of spending it in making a visit to you and the little ones at home. It is to be hoped that my time to go home, will come before long. Some few officers have succeeded in getting a short leave to go home, who I don't think had any better reason for going than I have. Tell Papa that he must not let George be preped into the Service. He must tell the Officers who are collecting horses for the Government that he belongs to a Field Officer in the Service and that he wants him for his own use, and they will not take him. They have no right to take a horse from an officer who is in the Service and who is entitled to him for his own use. If he is as fine a horse as I think he is, I could sell him here for Eight hundred or a Thousand dollars. I am glad to hear that Jace has gotten home safely from Vicksburg. I understand that the whole of Pemberton's Army have been furloughed for thirty days. I hope that it is true. They certainly need rest and recuperation after having been pined up and starved for so long a time.

Tell Mother that I am much obliged to her for the suit of Jeans which she is making for me. I shall ever feel grateful to her for the many good services which she has done for me. I will want it next winter. I am doing very well at present. My Summer under shirts have all worn out and I had to throw them away. I have not had on any for the last two days and I feel very uncomfortable. It has been 16 or 17 years since I commenced wearing them and have never went a day without them since until now. I tried to get some in Chattanooga, but they asked me twenty dollars for a pair, so I concluded to do without. I am a little uneasy for fear it will make me sick, but I concluded that I had rather do without, than to give that price. Newt is very well. He says that he would like very much to go home, but seeing that the prospects for going are so very bad he tries to be contented.

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Every thing remains quiet as usual. No news of any interest that I can hear. Give my love to Papa, Mother and all the family. Tell all the children howdy and kiss them for Pa. May God in Mercy Bless You My Dearest One.

Good Bye  
Your Devoted Husband  
Newton.