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Letter from Wilbur F. Armstrong to George W. Porter

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At Home, Friday Morning.

Friend George. I addressed you a letter last week and have recd no answer but I am pestered now I was sold in joining old Gebharts Company. The old devil spoke to me in these words (I told him that I had some notion of going with Cherry and told him that Cherry promised me the best position in his power to give and he (Geb) said that the Orderly and 2nd were promised but says he) "You come along and I will give you the 3rd Serjeancy" Now George what do you think of that is it not scaly in the extreme?

Don't say anything about this to anybody but Sump and when I come to camp I will make the old Coon come to time or I will report him
This is strictly confidential
write immediately your truly W. S. Armstrong

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George will you do a favor for me
you ascertain whether a Captain
can be reported for using false
pretenses to get men to join him

Present
5 Mr Porter
George

*but don't mention my case (don't let
Honor at my being you do please)
Wm*

No date - written by Wilbur after enlisting

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