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Letter from Robert Hanson to Francis P. Porter

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Friend Grant.

I received yours of the 18 of June on the last day of July, and hasten to answer the same. George was out on Pickett and did not return until this day and I wanted to see him before I wrote to you. He received a letter from you and one from Starkey and two from Driscoll on the same day. My letter was so long on the road that I came to the conclusion that you & I had concluded to marry and stop writing to common soldiers. George is well and has been and is always ready for any duty and whenever called on Capt. Chandler and George gets along very well together. They are warm friends. Dr. Munson put on airs sometimes but George can take his part when necessary. He done it the night that Co. K left Murf. You are I presume aware of the fact that George was to be Second Lieutenant of the Co. when it was first organized. Munson came the commission with this promise that if there was a vacancy he was not to be promoted over George, after Chandler left he took command of the Co. and George was subordinate on the March that night he came down on him and told him he was not in his place I knew he was and he did George. He since he was in his place Munson said he was not George called him a liar Munson.
died he would put another man in his Place. Please just let him know that he was not to be walked over rough roads by a black man. asked Parson, I do not like the little organization. I am glad to hear that your brother has arrived safe as home. I would love to attend meeting at your church but am afraid that it will be long before I will have that pleasure. I do not think excuse will reach but he would love to see you all before you go west. I am done being long marches now we are on the Rich Road and when we do march we go in the cars. The Memphis affair was brilliant. I hope that one long time may hear of the fall of Richmond.

I am unable to impress that I will not spend the 4th of July in 4 old Massingin. I was sorry but could not help it. I offered twenty dollars for two of absence 38 days it was no go. I am often disappointed but want to go on the Sabbath and also to attend Sabbath school. I do not think there is any harm in writing letter to friends on the Sabbath. You gave me a great amount of pleasure by sending me that I have friends in old Massingin. What would the world be without them. The reason that I gave you picture was that I gave it to me to give it to a friend.

but did not tell him who that picture was. He judge it good and then I let him see it. This whole course was change. He asked me for it and I know that he must love of you than he did of all the ladies in town and he was with all the time and it would be hard to do him as much good. I gave it to him. He does not ask him for it. He would hate his feelings. He prices it very highly and the original. More that is the truth. I do not blame him, I think you could say an other world the same even. I would sell and let you its a table with you and made and get an introduction. Mrs. Sarah Adley. If I do not get to see you before you go why just remember that I would, but the cause in which I am engaged you cannot. It is very warm here at the present time. I have eaten meals until I am tired of them. Watermelons are all things now. Green corn is most to have. Mrs. Legget's cider plentiful. It seems Mrs. Legget's watermelons wife are more enjoying themselves. I see that Mr. Legget has done well. I do not believe a word of it. He has done all he could for the men and if he had drilled them a little more I think it would have been better for the men. The men can blame no one but themselves in a great manner. I have seen them shoot as they were with the death of a man and eating, a mess that would turn the stomach of a cat.
great numbers were sick and could get no medicine and Col Leggett wrote to Ohio for some and offered to pay for it himself but could not get it. Capt Wells bought 100 loaves of bread and sent it to the Rest so many loaves to his own company and the balance to be sold to the boys at the same price that he paid. The boys had not the money and Col Leggett paid the bill nine dollars and some cents out of his own pocket. The man that would willfully and maliciously slander Col Leggett is in my humble opinion no man but the meanest cuss. Every thing is quiet on the Watchee,

We are waiting Macomb to turn up. There is no news and I think that we will rust out if we do not soon hear of a battle and a victory. George says he is all right and sends his love to all. My kindest regards to your family, also to Almeda and Miss S. Willey. My kindest regards and best wishes to you and hope that you may always have a pleasant time. I wish you had one of my Watermelons they are so good. If you have an opportunity send me a couple handkerchiefs. I have not one. Mine are all buried with the boys at Philaba. I must now close. Farewell May Heaven Bless you and when you see your Friend Robert Henshaw
August 2, 1862

Addressed to Miss Frank P. Porter

Hopewell, Muskingum County, Ohio

Bolivar Tennessee

August 2d, 1862

Friend Frank,

I received yours of 1s June on the last day of July and hasten to answer the same. George was out on Picket and did not return until today and I wanted to see him before I wrote to you. He received a letter from you and one from Starkey and two from Gratiot on the same day. My letter was so long on the road that I came to the conclusion and T S had concluded to marry and stop writing to common soldiers.

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I wish you could stay in Ohio until the war is over. I should call and see you and have a talk with you and Meda and get an introduction Miss Sarah Willy. If I do not get to see you before you go, why just remember that I would but the cause in which I am engaged says you cannot.

It is very warm here at the present time & I have eaten peaches until I am tired of them. Watermelons are all the go now. Green corn is most too hard. Mrs Leggett, Miss McNally, Lt. _____'s wife, Capn Harlan's wife are all here enjoying themselves. I see that Col Leggett has some vilifiers, do not believe a word of it. He has done all he could for the men and if he had drilled them a little more, I think it would have been better for the men. The men can blame no one but themselves in a great many instances. I have seen them sick as they were with diarrhea, eating candy and strong cheese and greasy crackers, eating a mess that would turn the stomach of a certain bird.

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Robert Hanson