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## Letter from George W. Porter to Francis P. Porter

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Sister Frank: I beceived a few lines from you day before gesterday, was as wend pleased to hear from you & leave that you were all enjoying good health; Well Frank I Luffware you will soon be off for the west. I wish I were There to make the trip with you how fileasent is would be, Dur I feel that duty calls in another direction and for a more holy cause. Therefore I hearken to the case and go elswhere, Oh! how I would like to meet you all at. the old Homestead, once more one you leave but this is empossible, I hope John well Stay with Father & assist him until I return, Tell him if he will that when I come home. he I'V will go in Hastnership, I won't Lay what business we will follow. Just whatever Leerus to fray best as that line, For I don't want him to go into the army. I know he can not Have Soldiering. It Lakes old George for this. I feel as well and hearty as ever I did in all my life. Thoula I not feel thoutput I certainly Thould Reside Providence has far nece me in every bespeet, while stout & hearty mere have sichence & died at my Live. I am yer Sparea, This looks to me as if I had praying friends at Home. O know Ir can be nothing. I have done within myself, I still live in hopes of being spared to see you all once more and ming be with you as in time fact, What happy lines those were I knew not how to appreciate those himes. I have learned a lesson, we know not trow a Brother or Listers love until me are Once franker. You wished me

to write you a letter that you might have it printed. O Sufepose I could have The Time to Spare. It would Lake Love line to get a letter up in Style. I have not line to Lefrend, I you know try & Stick as close to my duty as possible I have the good will of this entire Hegt. Officers & men, also their Confidence. This I wish to Retain. I interna if I fall to leave a name that my friends will not be ashamen of. If aside from my out I get time I may write a letter for the Courier. But never fublish a letter of mine without O especially Request is, you foke of being as the Capitains he has Tola me all about it. You certainly had a good line, I have concluded to try & obtain a position in another Regt, But have abandoned The Idea entirely. I feel confident that I will be 1st. Loienr, of this Company ere many mouths have flower. I wile Lay no more of this at present, I wrote to Grandwither Gesterday. Worthington has played thunder he had better could was & put that off until Peace was Restored, I think him foolish any-how. If I was a young Lacy. I would marry no man until he had made a pretty good start in the world. That is in worldly offairs. It may be the had the dimes. I will ask the hand of any young lacy, until I see a chance of making a Respectable living for her, Lo I sout for myself. I alone Luffer. This Thing of getting married before you know what you are doing is here way. Themensher the advice I gave you, I want to write a few lines to Father & Lend with this Theyre I will Close Esq. is going home to Becruis. He can tele you all news , I ver to Boliver My love to you all Bremain as ever your affectionale broth

## August 7, 1862

Bolivar Tennessee Aug 7th 1862.

Sister Frank

I received a few lines from you day before yesterday, was as usual pleased to hear from you & learn that you were enjoying good health. Well Frank I guess you will soon be off for the west. I wish I were there to make the trip with you, how pleasant it would be. But I feel that duty calls in another direction and for a more holy cause. Therefore I hearken to the call and go elsewhere. Oh! how I would like to meet you all at the Old Homestead once more ere you leave but this is so impossible.

I hope John will stay with Father and assist him until I return. Tell him if he will that when I come home, he and I will go in Partnership. I won't say what business we will follow, just whatever seems to pay best at that time. For I don't want him to go into the army. I know that he cannot stand soldiering. It takes old George for this.

I feel as well & hearty as ever I did in all my life. Should I not feel thankful. I certainly should. Kind Providence has favored me in every respect. While stout & hearty, men have sickened and died at my side. I am yet spared. This looks to me as if I had praying friends at home. I know it can be nothing I have done within myself. I still live in hopes of being spared to see you all, once more and mingle with you as in time past. What happy times those were. I knew not how to appreciate those times.

I have learned a lesson. We know not a Brother's or Sister's love until we are once parted. You wished me to write you a letter that you might have it printed. I suppose I could, had I the time to spare. It would take some time to get a letter up in style. I have not time to spend. I you know try to stick as close to my duty as possible. I have the good will of the entire Regt, Officers and men, also their confidence. This I wish to retain. I intend if I fall to leave a name that my friends will not be ashamed of. If aside from my duty I get time, I may write a letter for the Courier. But never publish a letter of mine without I especially request it.

You spoke of being at the Captain's. He has told me all about it. You certainly had a good time. I had concluded to try to obtain a position in another Regt but have abandoned the idea entirely. I feel confident that I will be 1st Lieut of this Company ere many months have flown. I will say no more of this at present.

I wrote to Grandmother yesterday. Worthington has played thunder. He had better come to war and put that off until peace was restored. I think him foolish anyhow. If I was a young lady, I would marry no man until he had made a pretty good start in the world. That is in worldly affairs. It may be he had the dimes. I will not ask the hand of any young lady until I see a chance of making a respectable living for her. If I don't for myself, I alone suffer. This thing of getting married before you knew what you are doing is very wrong. Remember the advice I gave you.

I want to write a few lines to Father & send with this. I will close. Esq. is going home to recruit. He can tell you all news. Direct to Bolivar. My love to you all. I remain as ever your affectionate brother.

G.W. Porter