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## Letter from George W. Porter to John Porter

George W. Porter

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Bolivar Tenn. Aug. 9th. 1862.  
Dear Father;

As Esq. Sheppard is going to start home, tomorrow morning, I thought I certainly must write you a few lines, telling you how we are making <sup>things</sup> go away down here in the "Lunny Louth". Well I am still well & hearty, and enjoying myself finely, Esq. will give you all particulars, I believe the general health of our Regt. is much better than it has usually been, there are at present but few sick. If you wish to know anything concerning this Regt. Esq. can tell you. And he will tell you the truth, Father! I believe Esq. to be a man who can be relied upon in every respect, I have had a good chance to test him. I find him right, and best of all he has the pluck. I watched while on the battle field to find who kept at their posts. And I assure you he was always at his post. I have been on Scouts and in fact in dangerous places with him he is always to be found when called for. — I feel in better spirits than ever, I feel that this war cannot last much longer, I ask: how can it? The Rebels make some hard threats about invading Ohio &c. I think they will come far short of all this, for they certainly will find enough to do at home, The Captain is here & getting along finely, I hope she may have his health, I wish him to stay with us. he is a noble man. I will write no more, I hope you will have a pleasant trip west. I wish I were there



Answer to Brother

To go with you. What are you going to do with Black-Hawk? Do you intend for me to have him or not? if so, just take him with you & use him as you think best. I will pay you for your trouble. If he does not pay expenses. When you go west, I want you to dispose of my papers just as you think best. If you can sell those notes for the money sell them, take the money with you and put it ~~on~~ in good hands, where it will be safe & making me something. I have but little therefore please take good care of it. I will close & write a few lines to the children. I wish you would write me immediately and tell me what you are going to do when you get west. I of course feel interested, therefore please give me all particulars. My love to Mother, and all the rest of the family. I remain as ever your affectionate Son  
C. A. Porter.

Jasy: Dear Brother, I want you to put my Laddie on Lovely & ride it west. & take good care of it. I hope you are going to school & being a good boy. If the Locusts should come up, there take that shot gun and kill the first one you can. This they never will do. Will I want you to keep right side up with care. You must make a man of yourself. that knows not fear. Joseph never fear any one save your God. This advice I give you all. The little girls I hope will so conduct themselves, that they will be loved & respected by all, with whom they may be acquainted. The same to the larger girls. Making be a good boy. My love to your parents. I remain your affectionate Brother.



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G.W. Porter

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