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heard from him, Gol, Miles. & over in Alexandria the day after Solph are both him. We are all we arrived here, which was the well I hearly I will Thop some 14th Dorot. O Church well go Lime in this on my way home. over and four our command to day. He have a grand review I will write you from there on the 26th, I Suppose we will whether Grace will come with then he oundered out of dervice ou or not . I know the will of and alum home immedialely. I disin It. Dut of ain not I could get a good position in juger as I should be and there the Regular army. But as you is no room in the Shavin, Just are all do much opposed to write for my accision when I this I won't think of It, If It avai Reach Banesville. not for this & think I would try I will close for this him. Tritt Iron, It, I know It would be the best Ming I could as, Nov I would Remember one kindly to all be almost sur of Success, But friends. Dry lowetr geowall. Obnin as low Nout gone yourselves any measures Jour Afracionale another. L. H. Firtu. for there are others who oppose this is much as you, and I am dur I will down hower, And go, I. As I will be busy in fixing not go cuto this against all your with, wrote to d. S. up for the review & in fixing whomy Sour Lim ago, but leave not papers you must not all expect letters

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May 19, 1865

Washington D.C.

May 19th, 1865

Sister Frank

This morning finds me in Washington. I must say that I am disappointed. Instead of this being as I expected a fine city, it is the dirtiest place I ever saw. The public buildings are the only fine buildings in the place. The streets are almost impassable on account of trash of different all kinds. I wouldn't live here. I much prefer the Prairie. I will give you all particulars in reference to Washington when I see you which I think will be by the middle of next month.

Our command will arrive in Alexandria Va. today. I was over in Alexandria the day after we arrived which was the 14th inst. I think we will go over and join our command today. We have a grand review on the 26th. I suppose then we will be mustered out of service and return home immediately. I could get a good position in the Regular Army but as you are all so opposed to this, I won't think of it. If it was not for this, I think I would try it. I know it would be the best thing I could do. For I would be almost sure of success. But, don't give yourselves any uneasiness for there are others who oppose this as much as you and I am sure I will come home and not go into this against your will.

I wrote to T.S. some time ago but have not heard from him. Col. Wiles & Dolph are both here. We are all well & hearty. I will stop some time in Ohio on my way home. I will write you from there whether Grace will come with me or not. I know she will if I desire it. But I am not fixed as I should be and there is no room in the shanty. I will write you my decision when I reach Zanesville.

I will close for this time. Write soon. Remember me kindly to our friends. My love to you all.

I am as ever, your affectionate brother.

G.W. Porter

P.S. As I will be busy in fixing up for the review and in fixing up my papers, you must not all expect letters from me. But consider when I write to one I mean all. I will be very busy for some time until I am out of the service.

George