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

George W. Porter

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Washington D. C.

May 19<sup>th</sup> 1863.

Sister Frank.

This morning finds me in the city of Washington. I must say that I am much disappointed, in that 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 kinds. I wouldn't like 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. I've command will arrive in Alexandria Va. to-day. I was



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we arrived here, which was the  
14<sup>th</sup> Inst. I think we will go  
own and join our command  
to-day. We have a grand review  
on the 26<sup>th</sup>. I suppose we will  
then 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 much 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 all  
your wills. I wrote to S. S.  
some time ago, but have not

heard from him. Col. Miles &  
Dolph are both here. We are all  
well & hearty. I will stop some  
time in this 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 State, I will  
write you my decision when I  
reach Gainesville.

I will close for this time.  
Write soon.

Remember me kindly to all  
friends. My love to you all.

I am as ever

Your affectionate  
brother

G. H. Porter

P. S. As I will be busy in fixing  
up for the review & in fixing up my  
papers you must not all expect letters



from me. But remember when I  
write to you I mean all.

I will be very busy for some time  
until I am out of the service.

George,

May 19, 1865

Washington D.C.

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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.

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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

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George