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Letter from George W. Porter to Francis P. Porter

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Head Quarters 3rd Div. 17th A.C.

New Louisville Ky.

June 13th 1863.

Sister Frank,

Your kind letter bearing date June 8th is just received, and I hasten to reply. I wrote to John yesterday. I was as usual much pleased to hear from home. But sorry to hear of Father's illness. I was in hopes that he would do better with the cool. But it seems that it was impossible. He must keep wide awake this season and try to do better. After this I will be at home. and I think between us all will go right. I can at least take some of the care off his hands. I know this has all been too much for him. and I would have been home before this. had I been a little better off. I don't see that remaining here will better my condition in this respect very soon. I tell you now a man in the army can't make much money. I left home with about 300^{rs}. Bought me some clothes in Louisville. Was about a month getting back to the command. and by this time I had spent

nearly all my money. ~~not~~ foolishly either. This is the way
the money goes. I now have some money. But as I think
of going by Putnam and bringing Grace home with me.
I may need it. Therefore I won't send it home. You may
get money from Father and finer than quilts you spoke
of. Put up fruit for me. In fact tell Mother to remember
me in everything of this kind. I expect I will have to
winter in the Shanty with the rest of you this coming
winter. If I don't get into business somewhere. What do
you all think of this? I must write to Father and see
what he thinks of this. I expect I will stay with him.
I love home above all other places. If I can get into
business when John can have a chance. I will then feel
content. I intend to do all in my power for him.
I think among us we certainly can make something.
I can get a number of chances by going from home.
This I don't want to do. I have been from home long
enough. Four years is long enough for me at least.
I may go South if Father thinks best. But when I
once come home I intend to either remain or have
home go with me. I received a letter from a friend
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He is going into the dry goods business there.
Says there is a splendid chance. And wants me

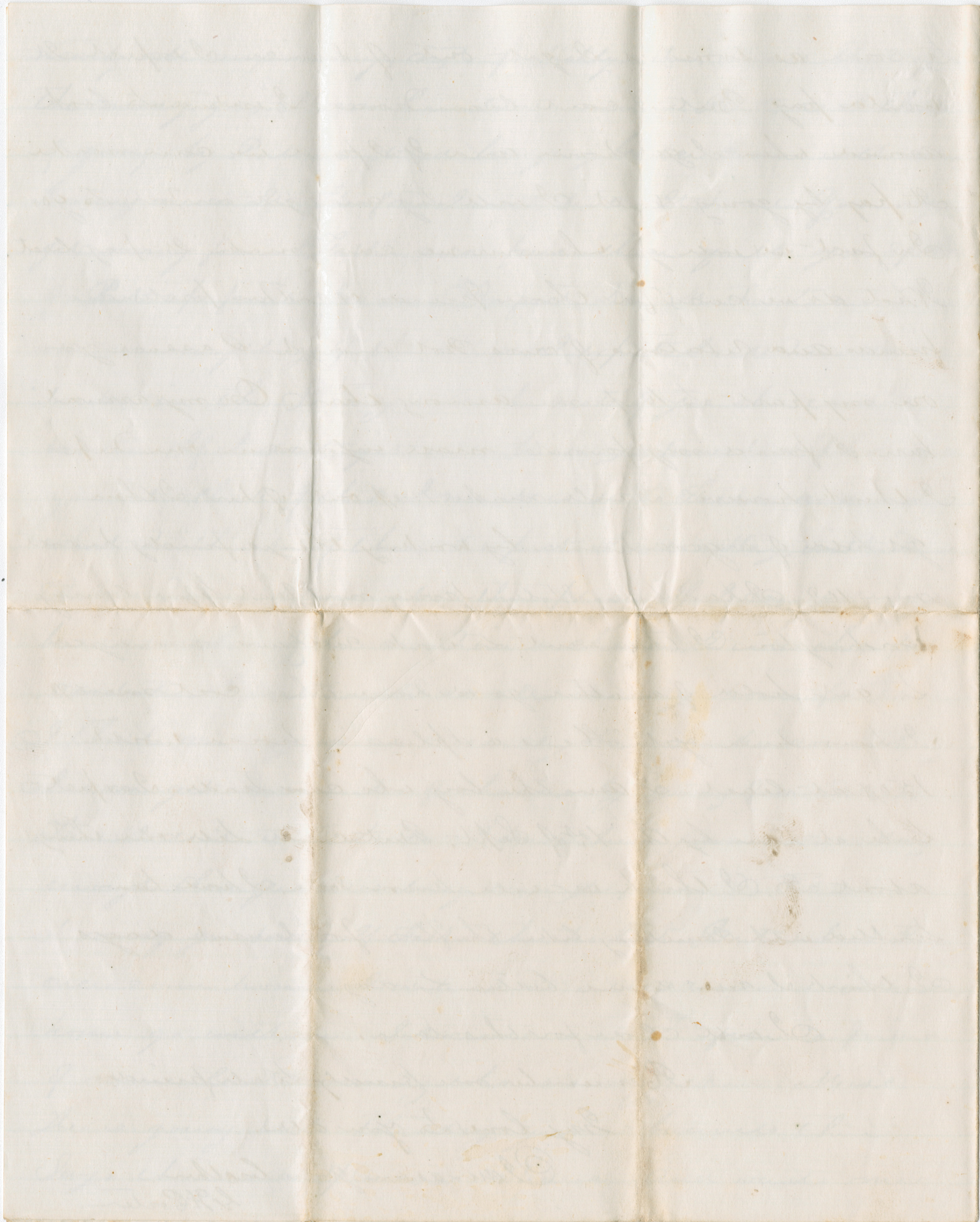
to come as soon as I get out of service. I expect it
would pay. But I can't leave home. I intend to look
around when I get home and if I find we can make
it pay by going South. I will try and get our folks to go.
In fact we will go wherever we can make it pay best.
What do we care for those friends or rather pretended
friends and relations of ours. Not enough I assure you
on my part. To keep me among them. On my arrival
here I found my favorite man injured in one trip.
I think however I will make 15¢ out of her. I then
got hold of a good horse. by working things finely he cost
me 10¢. I had him stolen from me just before leaving
Washington. I then went to work and have managed
to get hold of another good horse which cost me 5¢.
I have him yet. He is a splendid horse. worth
15¢ at least. I am the boy who can trade. I expect
to be at home by the 1st of Sept. But can't tell our thing
about it. I think we will know soon. I have been
troubled with something like the flux for several days.
I think I am some better today.

I will close for this time.

Remember me kindly to all friends.

My love to you all.

I am as ever your brother,
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Near Louisville, Ky

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