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

George W. Porter

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Dear Sister Frank:

I received your kind favor in due time, and perused the same with pleasure. At the same time I received a letter from Mather, which was greeted with a warm welcome. I answered hers yesterday or day before (I disremember just which) and this gloomy morning finds me seated to spend a few moments in writing to you. And I shall endeavor to interest you if possible. If my letters are hailed (at home) with as much joy as yours are when they reach me, they cannot be uninteresting. Richy started home yesterday on recruiting service. I expect you will see him ere this reaches you. If so he can tell you how I am fixed, and how I am enjoying myself, I like my position as well as ever. But if I could get away from Munson, I would be better satisfied. True he has nothing to do with me here. But I dislike his company, and in

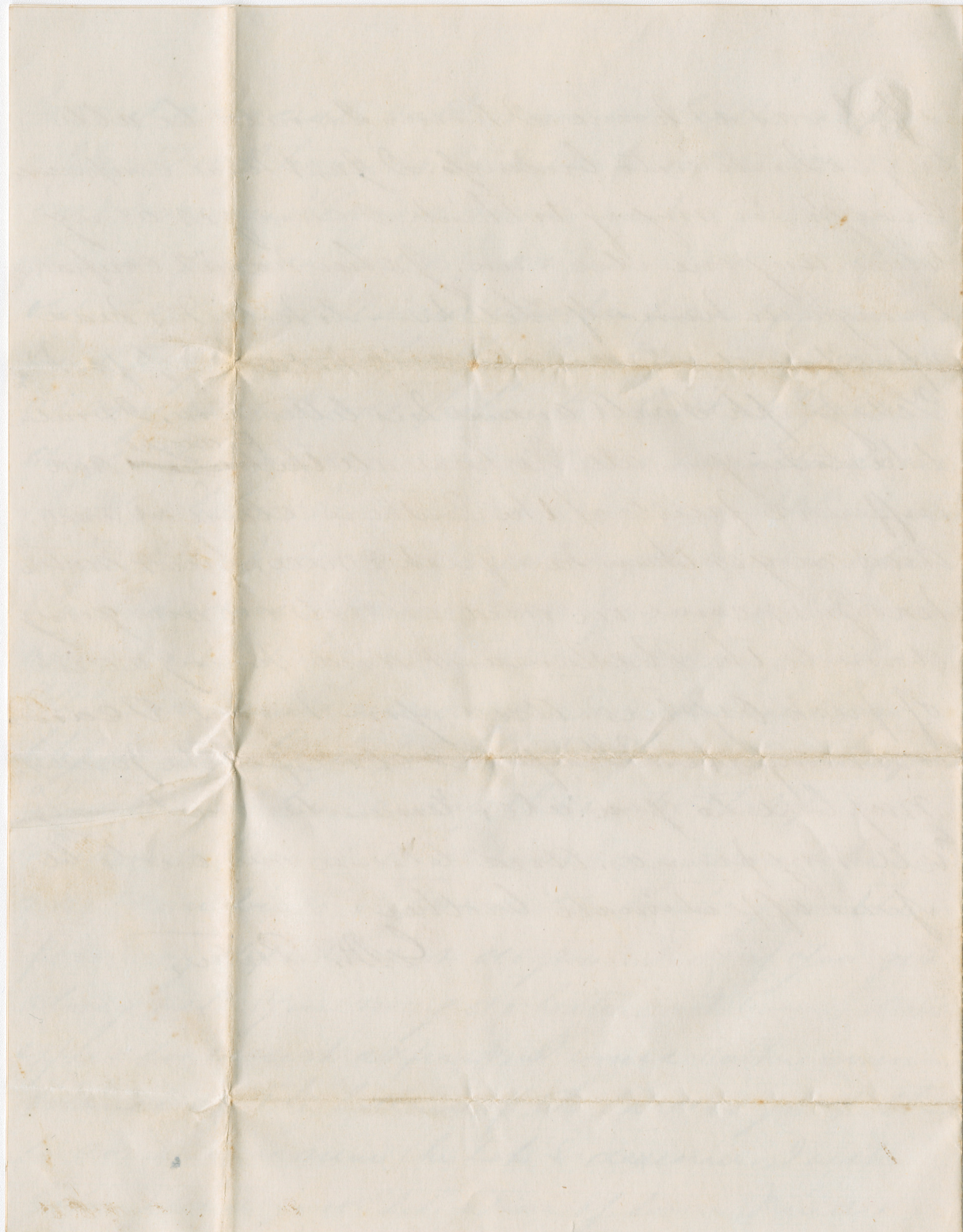


fact I associate with him as little as possible. For I have no love for him nor much respect to have. He is a man without principle. I have friends here who are friends. And if my old Regt. was allowed another field officer. I find my chance for the position is as good as any one's. I was spoken to about it yesterday. But we are not allowed another, as our Regt. is below the maximum. And I think there is but little hopes of it ever being recruited up to the standard again. We only have a little over one year to live yet. Time passes swiftly by. This is a rainy morning. But we have been blessed with beautiful weather this winter. Thus far. There has not been a day this winter that person needed a Great-Coat. It has been more like summer than winter. You dislike teaching in the primary department, do you? Well if you get along well. You may do better next term. Don't expect too much at first. I would rather commence at the bottom of the ladder & go up. than to commence near the top & descend. I wish John had a good situation of some kind.

If I was at home. I know I would be able to get him into business. I just have confidence enough in myself to think I can get along where any one else can. John hasn't confidence enough in himself. Tell him to hold his head up. If he doesn't no one will hold it up for him. Tell Joseph I will answer his letter soon. I would like to see you all. We have all the ~~spangas~~ <sup>spangas</sup> and different fruits of the Southern climate wd want. And we get them here fresh & nice. Vicar Norton has just come in and insists on me going down to the Restaurant and having a dish of fresh Oysters. And you know I cannot refuse. Therefore I close for the present. My love to you all. Remember me kindly to all my friends. And believe me ever to be your affectionate brother.

C. M. Porter,





November 20, 1863

Addressed to Miss Frank Porter

DeWitt Co. Clinton, Ills.

Hd Qrs 3d Division 17th Army Corps

Vicksburg, Miss Nov 20th, 1863

Dear Sister Frank,

I received your kind favor in due time and perused the same with pleasure. At the same time I received a letter from Mother which was greeted with a warm welcome. I answered hers yesterday or day before. (I disremember just which) and this gloomy morning finds me seated to spend a few moments in writing to you. And I shall endeavor to interest you if possible. If my letters are hailed (at house) with as much joy as yours are when they reach me, they cannot be uninteresting.

Rickey started home yesterday on recruiting service. I expect you all will see him ere this reaches you. If so, he can tell you how I am fixed and how I am enjoying myself. I like my position as well as ever, but if I could get away from Munson, I would be better satisfied. True, he has nothing to do with me here, but I dislike his company and in fact, I associate with him as little as possible. For I have no love for him nor never expect to have. He is a man without principle.

I have friends here who are friends and if my old Reg't was allowed another field officer I find my chance for the position is as good as any ones. I was spoken to about it yesterday, but we are not allowed another as our Reg't is below the maximum and I think there is but little hopes of it ever being recruited into the Standard again.

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Tell Joseph I will answer his letter soon. I would like to see you all. We have all the oranges and different fruits of the southern clime we want and we get them here fresh and nice. Lieut Morton has just come in and insists on me going down to the Restaurant and having a dish of fresh oysters and you know I cannot refuse. Therefore I close for the present. My love to you all. Remember me kindly to all my friends and believe me ever to be your affectionate brother.

G.W. Porter