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

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of our well & hearty Christian friends. And hope as the  
weather you we will be in Virginia, soon.

W<sup>m</sup>. L<sup>td</sup>, 2<sup>d</sup> Brigade 3<sup>d</sup> Division.

Lake Providence La, March 14<sup>th</sup> 1863

Dear Sister Frank:

Yours of the 6<sup>th</sup> Inst. came to hand day before yesterday, I was as usual much pleased to hear from you and learn you were enjoying good health, I would have answered immediately had I not just written to you. This being the case I concluded not to write for a day or two, and as the time has about elapsed I will endeavor in my plain manner to address you once more. You appear to be very well pleased with the idea of moving to the country, I hope the family are all satisfied in this respect. I am as you say a good ways from home, But I suppose it is necessary that I should be. Therefore I am satisfied. Of course I would like to be with you, and mingle with you as in time past. But never can I return feeling that I have done my duty towards you & my beloved Country until this Ungodly Rebellion is no more. I am now so far away. I cannot think of coming until I come to stay. And I do sincerely hope and pray that the time is not far distant, when we may all return to our beloved homes, with an honorable peace & preservation of our glorious Old Union. Then we can spend the remainder of our days (let them be few or many) in peace and harmony. I have friends here who are tried ones and know them to be true. You need



not be uneasy about me. If anything should happen I will be taken care of. I would like much the pleasure of enjoying the comforts of that new home. I think about the first thing on the Programme Jary and me would take a hunt. And I know we would have a gay time. I will await with patience for a description of your visit at Bloomington, hoping to hear the particulars. I saw Richey a few days since he appeared very much troubled about his Mother. I sympathize with Richey. I hope his Dear Mother is better ere this. I know Rich to be a near & dear friend of mine. If I can possibly get time, I must go & see him tomorrow and read your letter to him. When I saw him last he requested me to let him know when I heard from home. He is well and hearty. Tell his folks so. Give them my kindest regards & best wishes. I will send you those Photographs as soon as we arrive where there is an artist. I rec'd. Yours & Huldah's. They are very poor indeed. You certainly have better artists in Clinton. If not I think they had better quit. As it is, I was ~~very~~ glad to receive your pictures. I often wonder how you look and wish I could see you. I was very sorry indeed to hear of Father's Illness. I hope he is enjoying good health ere this. I would like much to know how he enjoys himself. And whether he is satisfied or not. Please inform me in your next. You know not what an interest I take in this or you certainly would give all particulars. I am called to go to H.C. Co. As we embark tomorrow. I think we will go up the River to Yazoo Pass. Down through to Yazoo City. I am

not certain as to our destination. Well I was up to Division H.C. Co. had a good chat with the Officers attending to my business. And will finish my letter. I will write to John often. I wish he would write to me often. I have answered every letter I receive from home since I left without one single exception. And numerous others besides. I don't think any of you have reason to complain of me. Some of you have not been as prompt as you might have been. I want you all to write often. Never wait an answer. I will write as often as possible I assure you. I hope now as Huldah has become a School Master. That she will pay strict attention to Spelling & Writing. Now she has the best chance for improvement that she has ever had in all her life before. I hope she will profit by it. I think the first quarter I taught, was worth more than any six months schooling I ever got. I hope you will both be able to obtain schools. And you have my best wishes for your success. I would like much to be there when Grandmother & Jary visit you. This would seem like old times. They each owe me a letter. My love & best wishes to them both. And tell them to write. I had heard of the wedding you spoke of. Don't that beat everything. I think there will be a chance for me yet. I wrote to Mother a few days ago and requested her to pick out a Gal. for me. I begin to think they will all marry before I return. They have commenced on the old stage already. I wrote to Lump a long time ago. I never rec'd. one line in reply. I will not write until I hear from him. Give him my respects & tell him so.



I would like much to hear from him. I will look for a long long letter soon. I will write to Johnny soon. I fear if we go through Yazoo Pass that it will be difficult to get our mail. I hope not. How Oh! how anxious we look for a letter from home upon the arrival of every steamer. Do you remember the picture I showed you the last time you were at Camp Gilbert? I received a letter from her yesterday. What do you think of that? When I see you I will give you all particulars. I think her good, I don't know your opinion. Virginia's picture I never rec'd. I would like much to see her & gang. I hear Mrs. Christ paid you a visit. You are looking for Salomon by this time I suppose. Just tell him I am a member of Col. Leggett's Staff, and those who don't like me can just bite me. Frank will never darken his door at long as I live unless he should change his opinion very much. I wrote to him once and gave him a full statement of that scrape Egan & Will Starkey tried to pull me into and told him if he believed their statement never to answer my letter. He never did. Who cares, I assure you I don't. I ask no boot of any of them. And should I live to return all must be straightened. And I will see that it is. What's the use of talking of that old affair? But I cannot forget them nor never shall. How they worked & twisted to get me into the scrape. I will close my love to one & all. Hoping to hear from you soon I remain your affectionate brother.

Direct to Lieut. G. W. Parter 78<sup>th</sup> Regt. of Geo.,  
3<sup>d</sup> Brigade 3<sup>d</sup> Division Grant's Army

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Hd Qrs 2d Brigade 3d Division

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George

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3d Brigade, 3d Division, Grant's Army

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I am well & hearty. In fine spirits and hope ere this reaches you we will be in Vicksburg.

George