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Letter from Thomas S. Armstrong to Francis P. Porter

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Manchester Frederick Co Va

May 23rd 1863

Dear friend Frank

I'm grateful to you for the flowers that you went to the meadow and gathered. They are nice, I prize them highly coming from Illinois and from your hands. Accept my kind regards! I will write soon too. You are in the school room again so is Sister Mary. She gets 15 dollars per mo. & pays 6 for board & board^{ed} "Aunt Peggy Armstrongs". You board at home. How far from home is the school house? Your sisters attend must be pleasant to have them in your school. I don't see where his Swiscons lying (that is George's.) Gen Grant is pushing on into the heart of the enemies country. God help him and his brave men! Gen Hooker made a bold attack with great energy but not with a success we anticipated. I think he was worsted, but then I think our

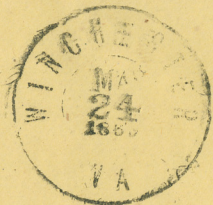
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I hope you did enjoy yourself.
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Let me hear from you soon
from your old friend

my Dear wife L.S.



Miss F. P. Porter
Clinton
Switt County
Illinois



May 23, 1863

Addressed to Miss F. P. Porter

Clinton, Dewitt County, Illinois

Winchester Frederick Co. Va

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T.S.