

Charleston, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 1863

Dear Father

I saw Stark Perry [Col. Madison Stark Perry, commanding, 7<sup>th</sup> Florida] going home yesterday. He says his father will come by today on his way home. He has resigned on account of his health. I am very sorry for it myself. I do not like Col. Bullock [Robert Bullock]. Gen. Davis Stark says [he] has resigned also. Dr. Mcaa [Dr. Thomas A. Mcaa] too. I don't like that at all. I expect the next thing Maj. Ingram [Tillman Ingram, Company D, 7<sup>th</sup> Florida] will resign. I hope not though. I do not know whether Col. Bullock will be Col. or not. The general opinion seems to be that he will not be able to stand an examination but then if he can't I am sure Maj. Ingram cannot, so I do not know who will be Col. I would not be surprised if one was not appointed [appointed] over us so I think we are in rather a bad way any way you can fix [it?]. We have had bad weather for the last week. It has been raining very near all the time and is quite cool. The fire feels very pleasant. It was almost cold enough for frost last night though to day [today] is clear and I am in hopes we will have good weather now. I received a letter from Dave a few days ago. He is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> [Guards, Co. K?]. His letter written on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April, Camp near Massaponax Church so I guess he was in the late fight at Chancellorsville, he was in the 7 days fight around Richmond and the campaign in Maryland. I supposed he was not wounded as he did not say any thing about it when he wrote. He had just returned from a 20 days furlough home. He was [well pleased with his visit but says it was entirely too short. He says he is about 5 feet 9 inches high. He sends his love to you and all the rest of the family.

Charley [Charles F. Bailey] has paid Maj. Ingram for his meals. It was a little over twenty dollars. I believe, though I am not right certain, he sent the bill down John, who stayed with us about two weeks. He went back to the regt. [regiment] the first of this week. That was rather a daring raid the Yankees made into Geor. [Georgia?] and Ala. [Alabama?] but Gen. Forrest [Nathan Bedford Forrest] caught them nicely. About 900 of them passed here last night and another load this morning on their way to Richmond. I wonder if the Yankees will never get tired of trying to take Richmond. I should think they had tried it often enough to satisfy themselves that it was impossible. What a pity it is that Gen. Jackson [Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson] was wounded so that his arm had to be amputated. We are both well.

Your Affectionate Son

C.O. Bailey [Cosmo O. Bailey]

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