



Dear Sir,

Trusting

But when I came into

office, I was receiving about \$345, and

the money in boxes on the same, and as I was

convinced to get quit of it, I turned my

attention to your paper which in that direction.

I have been very much encouraged; being

glad to see that your friends have done so

much for the cause, and

especially for the cause of the

people of the South.

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only sell out, and move to our section of the State, I know that you & I can get in to some kind of business that will pay better than farming. I hope you will conclude to do so, and that when I get home, I shall find you & family settled in Camden, Sainscolville, or some town joining. I suppose it would cost you considerable to move your family so far, but I think you would ~~soon~~ get in to business, that would pay well, and do much better than you can where you are now.

When you write, please let me know how you are situated, and be sure and tell me that you have concluded to move our way, before next Spring. I think I could assist you some, and if nothing kind as you from coming, but money, I will try and assist you to perhaps 75 or 100 dollars. I suppose, as I was but 4 years old when you left home, that you think I have no sympathy for you as a brother, but that is not so. I felt very bad, when I heard you had been to Sainscolville & Camden, and I missed of seeing you. I deeply regretted to hear of your misfortune after you returned home, and I should have sent you money to help ease your burden if it had been in my



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Dear Brother,

your of Dec 12th, & Mailed the 19th, has just come to hand. I suppose it has been lying in the Armory, (Room 20, 2), for over one month and a half, as I never have been in that Room, it has lain there till to day, when it was returned to the Office, where I have just found it. I was in Ward St. until I went home on furlough; when I returned, they were repairing that ward, and I was sent to Ward E. from there, to Ward St. then detailed for duty in Ward E. I wrote a letter to you yesterday, in answer to one I found at the Hospital when I returned from furlough, bearing date Nov 12th, and Mailed the 12th, in Ward Buren, and Mailed again

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Washington, Nov 24th. My duty here, is to draw the Medicines from the Dispensary, deal it out to the Patients, draw the Special diet from the kitchen, deal that out, carry in requisitions for diet, &c; &c. It is not very hard duty, but it is as much as I am able to do. We have a Lady nurse, in each ward; they help the old ones, considerable. I would like to have you call, and look in to our Hospital, and see how neat & clean we keep everything looking. The Lady nurse of my ward, is sick to day, and I have had rather more to do than usual. Quite likely, I shall spare my time out, in the Hospital.

My wages are just the same, as though I was in the field. I intend to send my wife every dollar I possibly can. When it gets into her hands, I know just where I shall find it, when I get home.

I am pretty temperate; I never paid away one cent of money, in my life, for any kind of liquor to drink, or tobacco. Since I have been in the Army, I have spent considerable money for Butlers - eatables, &c; but if I had been a married man when I came in to the Army, I should have laid up more than I have.

But, I am no way concerned, if I have to get out of the service without getting more disabled than I am now, but what I can find employment enough, to make a comfortable living. If I am not able to work on a farm, I will try peddling, or anything else that I can make the most of.

Although my education is not much, I am a Richard, and can do most any kind of business I undertake. Ch. Abner, if you will.