

Fort Jefferson
October 29th 1861

Respected Sir

I have at last the satisfaction of writing a few lines, which I have neglected to do, in hopes that the Paymaster might arrive and thus enable me to repay you the \$120 which you so generously advanced when I so badly needed it.

As I have but a few minutes before the mail closes, allow me ere I bring this hurry [] to an end to tender my sincerest thanks for the great kindness you extended in my "darkest hours" in so disinterested a manner. You shall have I trust no cause ever to regret what may seem in your opinion a very small matter, for by so doing you have enabled one, who, was unable previous to that time to aid and support one of the best Governments ever instituted by mortal man, a Government of which we are all proud to acknowledge we are citizens.

Hoping that I may have the pleasure of receiving a few lines from you
I am sir with much respect
Your Ob'd't Serv't.

Oliver Matthews
Lieut. Co. "E" 6th Regt. N.Y.V.
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P.S. I have remitted to Chas. F. Taylor, M.D. the sum of \$120 due you by me.

Oliver Matthews