

Pensacola Fla. July 12 1862

Dear Sir

Some days since I wrote you a note enclosing a check in am't of \$325 also, five dollar bill (U.S.), I mentioned the manner I wished it disposed of.

I cannot but again thank you for the disinterested kindness you have so [ ] toward me. I trust I may ever prove worthy of your continued respect and esteem.

I can hardly find time to write letters now a days as we are doing guard duty almost every other night. I am also Post Treasurer which gives writing enough to employ all spare time.

I send you one of my tickets for [ ] which department came under my supervision, they [ ] with as much readiness as silver.

Our Company and 3 others had quite a trip up the river on the [ ] which resulted in the killing of several rebels—rebels account says they lost 3 killed 8 wounded and 15 missing, their Col was severely wounded and lost his horse worth \$15.00[ ] which together with 9 others we trot into camp. It was a laughable sight, to see our men when they were leaving the City Milton—all they could get hold of that belonged to officers and soldiers they carried off on their shoulders—chairs, pistols, shot-guns, feather beds and pillows, bowie knives, and in fact every thing that could be made use of. Our men fought well and all were spoken of with credit by the Gen'l Com [ ]. Only a few of our men were wounded. I had a ball graze my ear but as a miss is as good as a mile I am all right. The Pistol you gave is becoming so close a companion I shall be unable to do without it, for weeks I have had within grasp [ ] I sleep with it on I eat with it on, and at one time wore 4 days without taking it off for 10 minutes at a time.

It is something of [ ] here for excitement etc but there is untold misery among the “poor whites.” Our men gave last Sunday in church the sum of \$100 which helped them some.

You will please give my kindest regards to your Amiable family—and accept the same from your

Ever Gratefull  
And Obd't Svt

Oliver Matthews  
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P.S. I have not forgotten the carte de visite you promised and am awaiting patiently.