

Headquarters, Defences New Orleans,
New Orleans, Aug 23 1864.

My dear sir

I am making every effort to be ordered to Petersburg but I am [] of success. I hope to get a way in about 3 weeks or less. I have a great many good offers but consider it my duty to go where active operations are going on.

I am unusually busy this month but manage to "stand it." I have not heard from you for so long that I am quite uneasy. I am afraid []. I should have heard from you sooner.

Kindly regards
to you, Theodore
and to your family

Very Sincerely
Oliver Matthews
A.A.G.

All quiet, I send you all the news through the newspapers, I hope you receive them

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