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Head Quarters 67th U. S. Colored Infantry.

Morganza, La., April 6th 1865.

My Dear Bro. Jas. Charles

I have read the few lines you sent me and am glad you have not forgotten me. I have also received your literary production which is creditable to you, if you had no outside assistance, this I remark as I often find blunders in your letters, in the orthography and syntax. However I am pleased to notice an improvement in your letters. The Obituary was well composed. Your other poetry arrived also. I suppose you have more of such kind than I can see here. I am glad the stock is in such good condition and that you have met with no losses.

You got a good price for the oxen I think. It appears you had good sleighing this winter. It almost frightens me ^{here} to think of ice & snow and bitter cold weather. but I dare say I will covet a reasonable portion of it this summer. I have just received a northern paper, containing cheering intelligence. I hope the end is not far off. I suppose when this reaches you, the spring work will have commenced. I hope you will have success. I may act on your suggestion in writing to the Press, but am not sure. Love to all
Your Affectionate Bro. Thomas,

Apr 6/55.
My Dear Brother Alexander,

Your interesting letter was received by me with much pleasure as I had long waited to hear from you. I was glad to hear that you were well and doing well, and that you had your desire in getting a chance to attend School. I hope you appreciate and improve your privilege. I hope also that your meetings in Cleveland have been productive of good. I enclose a letter for safe keeping till I return, and as a specimen of numbers which I am called on to read. This one was sent in my care to Andrew Jones, who was once my servant. It is written by his sweetheart or lover in Glasgow Ind. As Andy is gone to Mo., I retain the letter. He has probably found her ere this. Men from other Companies come to me very often to write letters for them. I am pretty well posted in regard to things among the Colored population of Mo. They all rejoice at being made free, and are very tender and loving and look forward to a happy future. Great many of the men have sent home money to their wives and they generally receive it. I am glad that Elizabeth is well and remembers me. Her husband is glad to hear from her and sends his love. He is well and doing well. He is one of the Color Corporals. Give her my respects. Hershey does our cooking & washing now and does it well. I turned George off for being so very slow. He is now very sick. I often look at your pictures. I have over 30 in all now in my album. I sometimes think of old times, but not so much as formerly. Mrs Capt. Hart, Mr. Gay & Mrs Parvin & the Hosp. Stewards wife are here & the only ladies to be seen. Remember me to all my friends. I hope soon to see them if all be well. With kindest love to Mr. & Mrs. Bro. J. B. & yourself I am as ever your loving Bro. J. Montgomerie