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Camp 65th U.S. Col. Infy.

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Dear Bro. Jas. Charles,

It must be over a month since I wrote to you last, and yet I suppose you hear from me regularly, in my letters to Mother and Sandy. I have this morning heard from home again, and am glad to learn that you are all well. Nothing strange has transpired here since I last wrote.

The weather is very warm and pleasant.

The leaves are yet green in most places and the flowers may be seen in every garden and public place.

Our duties are not oppressive. Many of the officers are speculating about the future. All are anxiously waiting for our time to expire, so that we may have a change.

I had a proposition made me yesterday, to go on a plantation near Port Hudson in Company with two other officers, where on 600. acres without running any risk we could clear each from \$3000 to \$4000.

I have no doubt but what we could do well
but I don't fancy the notion of staying down
here any longer, much as I like the climate,
enjoy excellent health, and enjoy myself
otherwise pretty well. There is amusements
of various kinds to be found here every night.
I don't attend them however, I sometimes
pay Mrs Hendricks a visit and hear some
good singing and playing on the piano.
I was glad of your success in being elected
Worthy Chief of your Lodge of Good Templars.
I hope you will have a good time this winter.
I suppose you are glad to have Sandy back
with you again. You will not be so lonesome.
Time passes slowly here with me, I sometimes
have a chance to drill the Battalion, and
very often Command Dress Parade.
Capt. Bailie is back with the Regt.
Lt Spurnchule was married in New Orleans
last month and is now here having left his
wife there. I wish you every measure
of pleasure and hope you will write
to me often. Goodbye at present Your
Affectionate Bro. Thomas.