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Wednesday Eve, Dec 3/66.

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Dear Mother,

Your kind and affectionate letter of the 24th ult. was duly received this morning. I was glad to hear from you, especially to hear such kindly expressions of regard in reference to my future prospects. It is hard to tell all that may transpire before another year expires. but I think my prospects are very flattering.

Did I only know what I had better engage in I would feel much more confident.

From present indications I think I had better go steady and sure. I know of many ex-officers who have done well here, and of many who are penniless. But I cannot say or do anything until I get out of the army.

I shall in the future as in the past ask, to be directed by Infinite Wisdom in all my undertakings. And in this I am not alone. You guessed aright that my intended wife was offering up prayers for me. She so wrote me in a letter I just received. I think her faith is far stronger than mine. So far as I know she fully agrees with my views on religion.

Dec 5/66

Livish I could send you some of the many oranges and other tropical fruits which grow and are sold here. We get good oranges for \$3.00 per hundred. The Methodist conference of the Church South will convene here next week. for this State. I would like to attend and perhaps will.

There is little of interest transpiring here and so I have little to write about.

I hope this will find you all well, and keeping warm from the cold. It is very warm in my tent to night to warm for a fire and I write in my shirt sleeves. So you see I am comfortable enough. But it has been changeable sometimes quite cold, and other times warm. Congress has met and we expect great things to be done. The Presidents Message has been received here. The Republicans seem to take hold of things in earnest.

Excuse my scribbling, for I write in haste. I don't think you can notice any improvement in my writing. It is perhaps a type of me all over. For we are restlers and tired of this way of living. especially in one camp so long. Give my respects to all the friends. Accept my thanks for your letter and my fondest love and give the same to Father & Brothers. And Believe me your Affectionate Son Thomas Montgomery. I am glad to hear that Lizzie is well. I hope she is still of great help to you.