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Jas B. Taylor to Caroline Spiegel, 1864 June 28.

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Head Quarters Co H. 120th Regt. Volys
Morganza La June 28th 1864

Mrs Spingel

Dear Madam, Your

Nephew has shown me your letter of June
14th making inquiry concerning the fate of
your lamented Husband. It is with the
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I was truly surprized that Col Stocum had
not written to you, as I should have done so myself
had not Stocum agreed to write to you, while
I would prepare a List of Casualties & a Statement
for Publication. All the particulars of the Colonel's
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the Resolutions which I drafted for the Committee.
Your Questions I will answer in the order asked.
Col. received your letter informing him of Hamilton's
misfortune, at the mouth of Red River the night
previous to the day of the disaster. He gave me the
particulars as written by you and seemed very much
hurt. Doubtless your "Calamities came not as single Spices
(But in Battalions", —

Pinckiner went up the river with us, was taken prisoner but not taken to Texas, being unable to travel. Dr Stanton succeeded in getting him detailed as nurse, hence he was present when Col. died. - Col. sold his horse for \$300.00 the day before we left Baton Rouge. We had all our baggage with us and all fell into the hands of the enemy.

When our wounded & surgeons were exchanged, Joe & Pinckiner were brought down to the mouth of Red River with them. But we having no citizens there to exchange for them, they were taken back to Alexandria, where they were to remain.

The Commissioner of Exchange has been consulted regarding them. He says it is hoped we will be able to effect an exchange soon. I will take pleasure in answering any inquiries you may make, or giving you any desired assistance in my power.

Please acknowledge the reception of my letter and the resolutions

Sympathizingly Yours
Geo B Taylor

Head Quarters Co. H 120th Ohio Vols

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