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to letter form for smell last inste? Suffeet Ma Och 1/02 My dear good Wife! Day before yesterday We arised here at 6 P. M after. on of the most romatic panages over ohe of the Strangest and most curious piers & Evergan to wit the Nonthyman" We left Fortun Monere at 120 dock Oc. C. R. D. How Brand Steamed Cecil . Commanded by Gol . Voin & Co? S. A. B. S on Steam Co by & an Steamed Many Bell with several Companies of the 39d All in com? of Cal ashow of the 39 th Alla The 2 formed besils left Hampton Boads Salmday at 11 & the north air at the Moma at 12. Me in charge of M.S. Pilot taken an board as the Proties We started bir ely up the Chescheathe untill we came to the month of the Manthyman when We tooke the her, the Manthyman running through a low region of swamp land which is norson and at

Time & werte the above which was at & a. M. goffy & have drilled the Battallion (i.c. Regiment) 2 hours this forewood Company dill and 2 how this afternoon Batallion drill which is no Small for these hot days and I was fust quitely laying don't on my blanket shetched over the ground barolling my hipe when my finen Girty & Algutan Brock Came in & Comenced Goling & cutting up Ingnis 11 Bull fooke fumper firm the 1 Bottom of the well, Onone , by God he is just fromth-l te + get & my tea Cup to Vale & accompanied it thinks insisted we unit derenade Dr. Weshall + Dr Frokes, lool Vous & Capt Butter which we dit to the quart annement of their and anselves, and fust nor ut, 11 P. M. How non my dear Carline this may appear forlish and imple to you, but yet We arme anschio in some way I do not play Carto, or any atter

game, I do not dimit as spree, I de art and after foreign bods or phange Women & yet my tent is the pendes -Vong of the officer, it is very ften that & can Carcely find Boom to set down, I same 45 Maguan, then all Cut up and make find in that when an well Aget my letters regularly from home I ged whely & mot out up. I am non winding Selling all alone in my tent, Henry Idamo fleeping and the grown to cohow & presently will associate Ampely and my little House with the sough deall made by my hoyo, who by the way are shill with me allthough dans away firm the Company adding Field Officer & not commanding the Company, yet the Will ask me for any thing & ame to complain of Every little thing as though I was shill com fight annaments the Company, line lool Tous has returned de chas art once command that is to tay diilled the Regt when I was present Le is very may man mono to me, Daying Captain If you wish the drill the Regment, you may for firm my Quer disserption, as et is en late and do not know as will

following facts 1d. I homo diell in a hot day is have work, Jud my Cherly & Corporal Indue are place been for the last day and a dalf making out Payrollo for the Empany an my derts, 3 dly the Screnade, 4 thy while I write quitely slowely in my tent it is raining most quiring & colie the sam heals down any tent I feel dery und insided to enjoy the Slup Selly I and allmost to tried to set up. Jet I must bay to you Inffelk is one of the most anato enabich boking as well as ancient torms & have get seen building but it works to ancient and Venerable the falls are most all at home, but & inna Main there is no go ciability hetweed Citizens of either class on det & Officers an Dollins The 4th Nar york Ref received any Bays most cheerfully, when they cameter the 4th is a Beubar Reg. 18 mm whe Service and never yet marcher as fought, but When and bays came they gave them all they wanter to Eat tof the best kind, they say we loak wigh but they heard we were fighting men. We are now away from all fights sprospect of fights and if you wonth Come here with the children I would bey and make arangements & you cants come with Chapmen. What Day you? The 2 of there is a probability

our staying here. Would you come - Sell chapman we miss him mist at any tale make arangements of Auding me your Pratine that of my dear Hamlin, Lizzie Money & Hattee. The news We rear firm the seat of Mar this Exening is very flattering and if time, will kelp a great deal to and Cause, Would to gad it were time I wonto really like to see this War to and End I mee more he per mitted to enjay the peacefull hers shapping of cupaying the Company of my dear Wife and sever Children A Biroker a

Yehuday from Alger who shed tears when friends of my dear father he told me that the 25th the Book Hashonah & the 4 though month your Cepu, he says there is a Synagore in Norfalk 12 Miles from here, I Shall go at all events, you and the children must keep both, Keep the Children and of School the 25+26 + 3+ 4 for my falle let in pray to the Lord God donal for the deliterance of this once happy Country and the peacefull Inforgment of our family Circle at the End of this unlighty war . Lad bless you all ever form

No letter from you since I last wrote!

Suffolk Va Sep 1/62

My dear good wife!

Day before yesterday we arrived here at 6 P.M. after one of the most romantic passage over one of the Strangest and most curious River I ever saw, to wit "the Nanthyman" [Nansemond].

We left Fortress Monroe at 12 o'clock, Companies C, K, D, H on Board Steamer Cecil, Commanded by Colonel Voris & Cos. F, A, B, G on Steamer "Sequin" Commanded by me & Cos. I & E on Steamer Mary Bell with several companies of the 39th Illinois in Command of Colonel Osborn of the 39th Illinois. The 2 former Vessels left Hampton Roads Saturday at 11 & the North Pier at Fort Monroe at 12 A.M. in charge of United States Pilot taken on board at the Fortress.

We started lively up the Chesapeake untill we came to the mouth of the Nanthyman when we took for her, the Nanthyman, running through a low region of swamp land which is narrow and at [not completed] Since I wrote the above which was at 8 A.M. I have drilled the Battallion (that is, Regiment) [for] 2 hours this forenoon [of] Company drill and two hours this afternoon [of] Battallion drill, which is no small job these hot days, and I was just quietly laying down on my blanket stretched over the ground, smoking my pipe, when my friend Girty & Adjutant Brock came in & commenced fooling & cutting up, singing "Bull froke jumped from the bottom of the well, swore by God he is just from h-l" & c. & got my tea Cup & Plate and accompanied it and finally insisted we must serenade Dr. Westfall & Dr. Forbes, Colonel Voris and Captain Butler which we dit to the great amusement of them and ourselves, and just now returned, 11 P.M. Now my dear Caroline this may appear foolish and simple to you, but yet we amuse ourselves in some way. I do not play Cards, or any other game; I do not drink or spree; I do not run after foreign Gods or strange Women & yet my tent is the rendesvouz of the officers. It is very often that I can scarcely find Room to sit down. I sauce & blaguard [blackguard], then all cut up and make fun; in short when I am well & get my letters regularly from home, I feel lively and must cut up.

I am now writing sitting all alone in my tent, Henry Adams sleeping on the ground to whom I presently will associate myself and my little House with the rough desk made by my boys, who by the way are still with me. Although I am away from the Company, acting Field Officer & not commanding the Company, yet they will ask me for anything & come to complain of every little thing, as though I was still commanding the Company. Since Colonel Voris has returned he has not once commanded (that is to say drilled) the Regiment when I was present. He is very magnanimous to me, saying Captain, if you wish the [to?] drill the Regiment, you may do so; I will give you a chance and so forth, Query, Why?? &c. --

I think I am wandering away far from my River description, as it is very late and I do not know as I will resume it tonight. If not, you must charge it to the following facts: 1st 4 hours drill in a hot day is hard work; 2nd My Orderly & Corporal Snydre are & have been for the last day and a half making out payrolls for the Company on my desk; 3rdly the Serenade; 4thly while I write quietly and lonely in my tent it is raining most furiously & while the rain beats down on my tent I feel very much invited to enjoy sleep, 5thly I am almost too tired to sit up. Yet I must say to you Suffolk is one of the most artistocratick looking as well as ancient towns I have yet seen in Virginia, without having any very fine buildings but it looks so ancient and venerable. The folks are most all at home, but I understand there is no sociability between Citizens of either Class or Sex & Officers or Soldiers.

The 4th New York Regiment received our Boys most cheerfully, when they came here. The 4th is a Benbox Regiment, 18 months in the Service and never yet marched or fought, but when our boys came they gave them all they wanted to eat and of the best kind. They say we look rough but they heard we were fighting men. We are now away from all fights and prospects of fights and if you would come here with the children I would try and make arrangements & you could come with Chapman. What say you? Eh? If there is a probability of our staying here, would you come? Tell Chapman we <u>miss him</u> <u>much</u>. You must at any rate make arrangements of sending me your Picture and that of my dear Hamlin, Lizzie, Mosey & Hattie. The news we received from the seat of War this evening is very flattering and if true, will help a great deal to our cause. Would to God It were true. I would really like to see this War to an End & once more be permitted to enjoy the peacefull bliss & happiness of enjoying the Company of my dear Wife and sweet children.

I met to day a Lieutenant Biroker [?], a Yehuday from Alzei, who shed tears when he heard my name. He and his father were great friends of my dear father. He told me that the 25th of this month is Rosh Hashonah & the 4th next month Yom Cipur. He says there is a Synagoge in Norfolk 12 miles from here. I shall go at all events. You and the children must keep both; keep the children out of School the 25 and 26 and 3rd and 4th for my sake and let us pray to the Lord God of Israel for the deliverance of this once happy Country and the peacefull enjoyment of our family Circle at the End of this unhappy War. God Bless you all. Ever Your

Marcus

sound into the stand of the sta Men dead good Wife + Children! Ino days have gond since I wrote to you and two small mails precised in the Regiment to gladden the hearts of a ferr, but importunately I have not been one of the frend. No Fidings for me, no minor of your feelings or plandy protened honest and toring heart by your Maight forward words, no wow of Hame. domp, of Lizzie's Smooth bella ship, of misey Klot Kopfishnep, in of and Inect Babes buddings and browings, tiddings, all of which are inseperable and Each One part an parcel of my sont Ing haffmich . Is all and Everything right? The they all well?

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Mulapman reached here as I set to might all alone in my ent Everybally Jame to flepp feel ane to me, he lets me drill the Regiment Every time of late. I will have to have my hund Jund by Chapman if I get fur, motect ere he petimes, your Can get that Minter blomeg mine gifed with two kond of buttons, your and dide your can put for more I an the alter File and have Unttonholes but not untill I am promotell . 1. White me about Hamlow Inni, Morey Hatter + Elight as well as about Everybudy Else oftent a grad deal asa time can then then any will be happy your live time

[At the top]: The last letter I have from you is Aug 23 & the last paper Aug 28

Strange is it not

[On the side]: God bless you my love, if only I knew all was well this night at home

Suffolk Va. Sep 3/62

My dear Good Wife & Children!

Two days have gone since I wrote to you and two small mails received in the Regiment to gladden the hearts of a few, but unfortunately I have not been one of the few. No Tidings, for me, no mirror of your feelings or plainly pictured, honest and loving heart by your straight-forward words; no word of Hamlin's doings, of Lizzies Smoothbellaship [shmoosbellaship = conversation], of Mosey's KlotzKopfishness [blockheadedness] or of our sweet Babes buddings and bloomings; tidings, all of which are inseparable and each one part and parcel of my soul, my happiness. Is all and everything right? Are they all well? My heart yearns to know. I feel to night as I have not felt for a long time, sad and discouraged. Would to God tomorrows mail would bring me a long, good and encouraging letter; I need it.

The Month of August has not been a very productive "Letter Month" for me from home. I think, have only received four from you; hope September may turn out better.

We are now in Camp near Suffolk, a town of some Notoriety for Aristocracy. The town as I have said to you in my last is rather handsome and appears retired. The three rows of Trees in the Streets makes it look shady and pleasant. There is no kind of Sociability between <u>People</u> & Soldiers.

I was in town today and had the whiskers of my Chin shaved, leaving mustache and side whiskers. Everybody says, I look 15 years younger, except Colonel Voris who does not like it. Captain Girty make me do it. If I have an opportunity I will send you my picture; they say there is a Gallery in town. I have not as yet had an opportunity of seeing as to getting a house here for us and thought best to wait until I hear from you and also from the effects of the Battles near Washington.

Things do not look very bright in that quarter. We begin to feel here as though every effort the loyal men in the north can make will have to be made ere this Rebellion can be crushed.

Has Chapman reached Millersburg? I wish he was here as I sit tonight all alone in my tent, everybody gone to sleep. I feel lonesome. Colonel Voris is very kind to me; he lets me drill the Regiment every time of late.

I will have my trunk sent by Chapman. If I get promoted ere he returns, you can get that Winter blouse of mine fixed with two Rows of buttons, four on a Side. You can put four more on the other Side and have Buttonholes but not until I am promoted.

Write me about Hamlin, Lizzie, Mosey, and Hattie & Elizabeth as well as about everybody else often and a good deal at a time and then & then only will be happy.



Your ever true & loving Marcus

Opport to Sep 6/62 My dear good Wife Schildren! for me indeed for it hot me O letters, one dear good and firm your, and from Classon one from ne of my boys, and from a bisked of a sick boy to last but not least a very flatlering an encomagney letter from Villino. In the last two letters Written to you & pechaps thomas a quat deal of any ichy but they & felt meany, but all is jight now, I feel lette a young hay, furt gratuated with first honors & Callege. Jon letted Was to good and encomaging. While I write her by the Camples any good & trusty prices

Vap. (late Seat / Sisty laying an my newly finded Bronk of rough boards , Amorning & Orderly Halling pleased that I am relieved I'my ant ity. Dan very glad you are so well pleased with my firm Chap. for the to me through and many dangeron strying times, & can give your information of anythis you want. I have really nothing mento mite to your as O date mitten to you so often of take. Should Chapman bare ineffectedly you may send me my ternet and with any Mifrom Coat, they Winter Coast & any thing also your wish, a perhaps your may come youndly if do &

get a house there that is if We get a Chance to stay here but I should think that Ance the Achelo Lavebeen for very precesfull have Within the last week they wonth hot let a shar Hew long. and Conting ! Sarty came in gesterday, with 118 prisoners taken 18 miles firm here is north Carolin a fen mile grow here is the celebrated great Dismal Mamp of, which you undoubtedly heard for motion which to the Celebrated Lake Dummen My get up at 6 a.m Bleakfast at 7 her Call . yh Comp Inspection fito 11/2

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My dear good Wife & Children!

This was a happy day for me indeed for it brot me 5 letters, one dear good one from you, one from Chapman and from one of my boys, one from a Sister of a sick boy and last but not least a very flattering and encouraging letter from Dr. Enos. In the last two letters written to you, I perhaps showed a great deal of anxiety but truly I felt uneasy, but all is right now, I feel like a young boy, just graduated with first honors in College. Your letter was so good and encouraging.

While I write here by two candles my good & trusty friends Capt. (Late Lieut.) Girty laying on my newly finished Bunk of rough boards, smoking & Orderly Wallick reading the Papers, both of them pleased that I am relieved of my anxiety. I am very glad that you are so well pleased with my friend Chap. For he has really been good and kind to me through our many dangerous and trying times, he can give you information of anything you want. I have really nothing new to write to you as I have written to you so often of late. Should Chapman leave unexpectedly you may send me my trunk and in it my Uniform Coat & my Winter Coat & anything else you wish, or perhaps you make up your mind to come yourself if so I get a house here that is if we get a chance to stay here but I should think that since the Rebels have been so very successfull within the last week they would not let us stay here long. Our Scouting Party came in yesterday, with 118 prisoners taken 18 miles from here in North Carolina.

A few miles from here is the celebrated great Dismal Swamp of which you undoubtedly heard so much in which is the celebrated Lake Drummond.

We get up at 6 A.M. Breakfast at 7 A.M. Sick Call at 7:30. Camp Inspection at 9. Camp Drill 10 to 11 ½. Dinner at 12. Officer School at 3. Battallion Drill at 4 to 5 ½ P.M. Dress Parade at 6. Supper at 7 P.M, and besides severall other incidental Requirements which as you see takes up the time pretty nearly and since neither officer nor Soldier can be excused when well it makes them all scratch but it is for the best for all concerned.

We are improving in Health, Discipline, and Drill & I think he rest. We are enjoying war both just and needed.

Hamlin must be a very good Son if he makes calculation on the colt else he can not get it. If Lizzie is a first rate child she will get something awfull pretty, may be a Piano. Mosey must mind and he shall have lots of Candy. Kiss the baby. My love to Elizabeth Cohn & family, Herzer.

Ever your loving

Marcus

do not forget & send me one dollar worth of stamps.

Camp near Inffact Valler 7/2 My dead good Wife! his has been a long, long Sanday not because & felt and , way dissatisfied with the Order for pending all Dill te except Dan arabe and Finday, neithed conto it have affected long from the lack of Campany for my tent was Crowded all day with my hays and Aficers, but fimply & was So very lagy after herny Called by my new waited for Contraband mantes David boliath Imith to Breakfast I good not paice any more am bition than to fant and my flippers and Parts not Even facto 20 after washing traking my breakfast of possed queet Potatoes frid Ham O walked about Parop for about I low to returned thetaling and in my hand Brok witill it being up rather high near the roof my dent, gat unter able from the heat of the down Beating against the East side , when I put my blank and the grown drest up the losser

hart of my tent to the air go though I shetched out and my back in which position & entertained my mmerous Visiton, read the tastes I for ald letter aler Deteral times anly Inflering myself to be dis timbed Eating my Acast priet, Patalaces there there for Dinner all the time astanting for the mail , which of pelt and down Eating my Sapper which for variety Jake consisted of Greet Potatois toasted & Han fired. & forget to pay do had Old three times mon, nor I supper. Us & said the mail came and best me your day good & pret degree of Orthodoty in my old faith the democratic harty, by attending a meeting of that time hoursed to byel People of Ohis at Housted, I and somewhat actomisted get & and happy to hear you leading your nest theying and a little. I have nothing new to write to your working of any importance

I and daily drilling the Meg. to with a queat deal of success & think at least so the boys and erry hay the day think Ol Vais will in a gen days that for Columbus to make an angemento to fill up I dery strong fettigaging Spree, I thould have gone, but really I dit not card as I could have only Abayed at home ater night, which would not have been a qual deal Satisfaction to your as me the faiting after for Kery short time wond unquestionably have been as painfull as the andal pleasant. " I will come fome time this Hall at Winter. I yomehow took it in my head that the Was control not last aver Winter, and last des Jeaks will call ant fortaneously Ind a portufull any & alland resonces will at aned be opened and used for a micht succesfull emination of the Atingle and if We should at had fait thout and have to End this Winter

he people of this and he acofully Gored at the daiing oursaid Conno of the Gebells in Rentwy hat is my finion they need not be Same, The Rebels will When cross the this gives for Hamlin Hales Something meeter ique prosey Mattice best they est he very buy good children. Of diskyon wand Keep a Boat of their behavier and Every lunckey do. anothing deserving a had mail give them a Bachy Marth End I when a come home and they have havy a will give all the that for them to Jomebady Slace. With my hear windes to digabeth momo Cohn family Hergerofamily Ostill an Stery bady Else ting andying lote & detation to your I remaind Over yam line Maicus I do not get any papers fermi Holmes Rancely Specifit last week & gat one Games and very tony to I white to den forth regular

My dear good Wife!

This has been a long, long Sunday; not because I felt anyways dissatisfied with the Order suspending all Drill & c except Dress Parade on Sunday; neither could it have appeared long from the lack of Company, for my tent was crowded all day with my boys and Officers, but simply I was so very lazy after being called by my new waiter (a Contraband named David Goliath Smith) to Breakfast. I could not raise any more ambition than to put on my slippers and Pants, not even socks, and after washing & eating my breakfast of roasted Sweet Potatoes and fried Ham, I walked about camp for about 1/2 hour and returned, stretching out on my hard Bunk until it, being rather high near the roof of my tent got untenable from the heat of the Sun beating against the East side, when I put my blanket on the ground, drew up the lower part of my tent to [let] the air go through & stretched out on my back in which position I entertained my numerous visitors, read the tactics & your old letter over several times, only suffering myself to be disturbed eating my Roast sweet Potatoes & fried Ham for Dinner; all the time awaiting the mail, which I felt sure would bring me some good news.

The mail came while I was eating my supper which for variety sake consisted of Sweet Potatoes roasted & Ham fried.

I forgot to say we had Tea three times; morn, noon & supper. As I said the mail came and brought me your very good & sweet letter of the 3rd in which you confess a degree of orthodoxy in my old faith the "democratic" party, by attending a meeting of that time honored and loyal People of Ohio at Wooster. I am somewhat astonished, yet I am happy to hear you leaving your nest and flying out a little.

I have nothing new to write to you, nothing of any importance.

I am daily drilling the Regiment and with a great deal of success I think; at least so the boys and everybody else say. I think Colonel Voris will in a few days start for Columbus to make arrangements to fill up our Regiment. If it had not been for a very strong pettifoging Spree [meaning unclear], I should have gone, but really I dit not care as I could have only stayed at home over night, which would not have been a great deal of satisfaction to you or me. The parting after so very short time would unquestionably have been as painful as the arrival pleasant.

I will come some time this Fall or Winter. I somehow took it in my head that the War would not last over winter. Our last defeats will call out spontaneously such a powerful Army & all our resources will at once be opened and used for a quick & successful termination of the struggle and if we should or God forbid should not be successful, the War will have to end this Winter.

The people of Ohio must be awfully excited at the daring onward course of the Rebels in Kentucky but in my opinion they need not be alarmed. The Rebels will never cross the Ohio River.

I will endeavor to get a Horse for Hamlin & also something nice for Lizzie, Mosey & Hattie but they must be very, very good children. I wish you would keep a Book of their behavior and every time they do anything deserving a bad mark give them a Bady [?] Mark and when I come home and they have more than I think they ought to have, I will give all that I brought to them to somebody else.

With my best wishes to Elizabeth, Mr. and Mrs. Cohn & family, Herzer and family Estill and everybody else and my undying love & devotion to you

I remain

Ever your true

Marcus

I do not get any papers from Holmes scarcely except last week I got one Farmer, I am very sorry too. I write to New York regular.

Head Sumition by the O. d. Sept 11/62 my dear beloved Wife tChildren. They heart was gladdened this morning by the news that Callow had been permoted to another hegs and by the speampt & Energetic way in which Col Moins went to work to recommen me to the Anaporthip and the very flattening way bent O.J. Serry Endos it of all you find Copy suclosed. This afternoon & received your happy to learn of your good with . Jappy to learn of your good well. But it seemed that the day which Jammened to brighty for me though portesfull paring for the world at large, dit not permain doubles for me, for this Evening mail, but the news that Captain

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Head Quarters 67th O.V. Sep 11/62 near Suffolk Va

My dear beloved Wife & Children.

My heart was gladdened this morning by the news that Colonel Bond had been promoted to another Regiment and by the prompt & energetic way in which Colonel Voris went to work to recommend me to the Majorship and the very flattering way General O. S. Ferry endorsed it, of all you find copy enclosed.

This afternoon I received your very good letter of the 7th & was very happy to learn of your good welfare & that of our beloved Children. But it seemed that the day which commenced so brightly for me, though powerful rainy for the world at large, dit not remain cloudless for me, for this Evenings mail brought the news that Captain E. S. Platt of our Regiment, who managed since we have been in the field to stay three fourth, yes nine tenth, of his time at home & hang around Columbus, sneaking about the Capitol, managed to get the appointment of Major in our Regiment. It almost drives me crazy, yet what can I, the Colonel or anybody else here do, if true. A junior Captain promoted over a Senior & why? When I fought & led the Boys at Winchester, Mount Jackson, New Market & c he was composedly sitting in Cumberland. When I marched blood on my feet in the valley, he was safely and comfortably at home. When I was laying in Command at Goggins Point near Malvern Hill in the scorching Rays of a meridian Sun without tents or Shelter, he was safely seated in the Bar Rooms of Toledo and Columbus plotting to cheat me out of my rights.

Why this is done I know not, if it is done for certain I know not, but it comes to me from a clerk of the Adjutants General Office of General Hill. General Hill is from Toledo and a Toledo "Clique" is trying to rule this Regiment as against the boys that are in the field.

Captain Platt knows nothing of military; he can not drill a Company. I am sick at heart to think we should have a Governor of Ohio who would submit a man of a family of a noble wife and four loving innocent children to be disgraced, after having done his duty faithfully, by placing an incompetent old Bachelor over him. Good God, what a shame. There is no use writing to the Governor; he gets so many letters and does not read them that it is throwing labor away. But if you would at once take Chapman, Rex or Cohn or Leadbetter and go down to Columbus; if you can not leave the Baby at home take it with you; the words of a wife and mother are not unheated. If he can not commission me as Major in this Regiment let him appoint me in some other. Show him the recommendations of Voris and Ferry; let him look [at] Brigadier General Ferry, Major General Peck and Keith [Keyes] report of me to the Head of the Army of the Potomac and if he can not give me an appointment in another Regiment, let him give you a recommendation to the War Department to accept my resignation, though I would not by any means resign when my Country needs my services, but I can not stay and be disgraced. Do not think I am excited. I am perfectly cool, only I feel sick at heart and humiliated as I never felt be- fore. I am a Soldier and desire to be treated as such. My friends in the Regiment wanted to press my appointment for Lt Col over Commager but I would not stand it and now to be thus treated is outrageous.

I do not believe the Governor knows anything at all of these matters; it all is the action of the Toledo "Clique" who felt sore at Voris success, now venting their wrath at me.

If you can take courage, go to Columbus, see Welker who is a good man & a friend of mine and you should have courage and talk as you can, not get mad, but state the facts, see to my rights. <u>You can have justice done me</u>, I know it. Take a copy of the enclosed (the recommendation) or this copy along; preserve one Copy any how. Do not look lightly on the matter but show true grit, as your husband and the father of your children shows it and is ready to show it daily for his Country and all will be right. I know and feel it will.

I am well & have been in Command of the Regiment. Colonel Voris has the "Jantess" uaundice] and is quite sick; if he could get his leave to go home that he expected, all would be well.

Do not dear wife wait a moment, but take your babe & some one else, Chapman or Leadbetter or Cohn who I suppose is East, & do not care what folks say but stick up for our rights as I will allways do.

My love

Ever your loving Marcus

don't be ashamed to stand up for your husband.

Don't let the Governor put you off; if he wishes to appoint me in the 67th let him give you my Commission. Show him the Copy of the recommendation; the original was sent to Adjutant General Hill, which I suppose he dit not see. Dont tell him I wrote you to go. Good night! God bless you. Send Dispatch from Columbus to me at Suffolk, Virginia, prepaid. God bless you.