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Head Quarters 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade 2<sup>nd</sup> Div. 14<sup>th</sup> A.C.

Chicamauga Station Tenn Feby 13<sup>th</sup> 1864

Dear Sallie

Your letter of Feby 1<sup>st</sup> has been received and read with my most hearty approval regarding the future.

We have been at the above place (Chicamauga R.R. Station) a few days over a week, but are to be relieved by one of the other Brigades tomorrow when we are to return to our old camp near Rossville, which though in another State, is but four or five miles distant. I have not been at Chattanooga lately but shall go the first of the week.

Capt. Wiseman has returned from his leave of absence but as he did not come out to this place, I have not yet seen him, but shall on our return to Rossville. The Capt. found him a wife while absent, and will probably not remain long in the army.

What you wrote me in regard to my settling brothers estate rather took me by surprise, as from all that Carrie has written me, I supposed it was perfectly understood that Esq. Cushman was to administer with the will annexed, and Spence was to attend to anything relating to it in Greene Co. Carrie herself asked me if

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I would be willing to have some one appointed and suggested Esqr C. and asked my opinion of him. She added that as I was absent, she thought perhaps I would prefer having some one appointed to act in my place.

In compliance with her request, I have given Cush. an order for the will. In the last letter I received from her, she said, it was feared, if my return from the army was waited, some one would get appointed administrator that they would be unwilling to have do it. This was the reason it was thought best not to wait. Esqr Cushman enclosed me a letter asking me to write to Davidson,

directing D. to forward him the will at once for the above reason. He had not then received the order from me to D. for its delivery. I wrote to Davidson as requested. I have since written to Esqr. C. giving him full authority to act in my stead, and wrote what I certainly should not have done, had I not supposed that it was understood by all as being under the circumstances their wish. Had I have been at home most unquestionably should have done it myself, however much I might have felt disinclined, and when I do come if it is the wish I should do so I will assume control of it.

As far as competency goes any one can administer on an estate, when once in possession of all the facts in regard to it.

General Morgan is in command of the Division during the temporary absence

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of Genl. Davis. Col. Anderson 60<sup>th</sup> Ills. is for the time commanding the Brigade. Now Genl M. has been placed in command of the Division I think he will hardly get north. Will not at least for the purpose of reorganizing his command.

Have heard nothing new. In fact since we have been out here we have been cut off from our regular supply of papers. Deserters continue to come in. The Presidents Proclamation is doing good work. I saw three men to day [sic] that had deserted from Ark. Regt. They generally come in squads of from three to a half dozen together. I only see what happens to strike our brigade lines which is of course a very small proportion.

Accept thanks for the enclosure in your letter. I send you in return a letter from one of my correspondents. It being his first you will not find it as interesting as they will be in the future. It is written by a fellow student of Prof. Dolbears Academy, now Reporter at the "U.S. Board of Claims" at Nashville Tenn. It is written in Reporting Style. I wrote him today in reply. I have still another Phonographic Correspondent, a young man in an Indiana Regt. Object - mutual improvement in the art.

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Give love to all. I trust mothers health has improved. My own good health continues.

I will come home as soon a [sic] Samuel [Uncle Sam?] is agreed to let me.

With love Yours

Frank