

Fort M^cIntosh Texas
May 19th 1857

Dear Brother

I this day enclose to the
Pay Master - Gen^l ^{at Washington D.C.} My pay accounts for three
months, of Feb. March & April. amounting to
one hundred and [&] ninety two dollars and fifty
cents \$192.50 requesting him to remit to you
by a draft drawn in your favor, the above men-
tioned amount.

I wish you to take up my note of
hand for one hundred and forty five dollars
and fifty cents (\$145.50) held by John Clark Esq.
Merchant Tailor No 139 Washington St. corner
of Second St. Boston Mass. The note
was given on the 1st of June 1852 at West-
Point N.Y. The conditions of the note were
that half was to be paid in six months, and
the rest in one year, with interest after six
months. I suppose the interest will be seven
per. cent. as that is the lawful interest
in N.Y. where the transaction took place.

I also wish you to send twenty dollars
(\$20.00) to Lt. 2nd Lieut. George M. Rose
Topographical Eng. Detroit Mich.

~~The~~ You had better write a few lines to Lieut
Rose before you remit the money, so as to be

sure he is there

With the remainder which will be about twenty two (\$22) dollars you can pay yourself for the twenty (\$20) dollars you paid Mr Corning for me. I will still be indebted to you twenty five or thirty dollars, which I borrowed when I left home last September.

I think I can make another remittance to you in five or six months

I am still very well pleased with my station, I shall, however, have my hands full after this month, as I will then be Quarter Master and Commissary for this Post, which will give me an increase of fourteen \$ (14.00) dollars per. month in my pay

I have not heard from home for some time, I think Mary & Eliza might find time to answer my letters, or even to write to me before they hear from me as it takes so long for letters to get there

I am having a very pleasant time just at present, we have two officers from Fort Eucl. and one from Bנגגאד Bar. here, which makes the Post much more lively than usual

There is considerable excitement in Lerado to day, on account of a murder which was committed a few week ago the Murderer was caught a night before

lost, and I think that he will be hung some
time to day, as the Citizens seem determined
to put a stop to these desperadoes, shooting
men down in cold blood. The Citizens are
however willing, to give him a fair show
for his life, and are going to try him by
a jury of twenty five men, twelve of
which the prisoner chooses himself.

It is almost impossible to have
justice done in any other way in this
County than by lynching, as the Court does
not sit here more than once in two
years, and we have no jail, to keep pris-
oners in, nor any money in the County
Treasurer to keep them in the nearest
Jail. I will let you know what
is done with him before I mail this letter.

Since writing the above I have
learned that the fellow was cleared and turned over
again to the Civil Authorities, and I suppose that
in about a week he will be at large.

I see that I have dated this letter
the 18th, which is the day the mail leaves, but
the above was written on the 14th. Since that
time I have been made Quartermaster and
am responsible for a large amount of property,
I have this day purchased, and paid for (600)
bushels of corn at 82.cts per bushel.

I will be made Commsary of Subsistence
the 1st of June. I do not know how I shall
succeed in the business as I have never had
much business to transact. I feel confident
however that I can do it as well as any
person.

I will write you more at length
in a few days. Tell them good by. Give
my love to Father and all our family

Very truly yours
Chas. R. Wood
Capt. & Co. H. 1st Inf.

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