

Navy

Fort Malla Malla W.T.

Jan. 9th 1859

Dear Brother

I have only time to drop you a few lines, as I am very busy getting off my quarterly papers

I received a very polite note from Col Thomas Swords Deputy Quarter Master General, for this Case saying that he had recommended me for the Appointment of Asst. Quarter Master as soon as a vacancy should occur Col Swords recommendation will have great weight with the Quarter Master General, & if we can only manage the Secretary of War I think my appointment is certain. Do not fail to bring all the influence to bear that

you can command, & if possible get me the promise of the appointment from the Secretary of War, do not delay taking the necessary steps, as a vacancy may occur at any time. I wrote you a letter on this subject at the time I made my application. But as my letter may have miscarried, I will say again that there is no one ~~in the~~ appointed from Ohio in the Quartermaster Department except the Quartermaster General, a fact that Mr Cox will know how to prove.

I am very comfortably fixed here this winter, more so than I have ever been before in the Army. I have a house all to myself, containing a parlor bedroom dining room & kitchen. My expenses are very light. My bills about eighteen dollars. Washing three dollars, & clothing a mere pany. I think that I will be able to save from a thousand to twelve hundred dollars from my pay this year. I want to have five thousand dollars.

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enough to give me an income of
two thousand dollars a year. It
is my intention to resign. I think
that with a reasonable degree of eco-
nomy I can accomplish it in eight
or ten years

I killed a very nice young
bear the other day with my revolver
& have been living on bear steaks ever
since

Remember me to Father Matthe
son, & all our families

Truly your brother
Chas. R. Woods
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