

Brunswick County, Feby 5th 1863

Dear Mort

I have seated myself this morning to write you a few lines in answer to your letter of the 2nd Inst which I received yesterday and was very glad to here from you & Harken these few lines leaves us all well at present and hoping that they may find you both enjoying good health

you wrote me that Kelly had ordered you & W. Carpenter back to his Company I advise you not to go back under his order as you was assigned to Capt Nettles Company by Col Shields

I do not think that Kelly has any claim to you and I should stand my hand until higher authority demanded you then Kellys - I do not think that Kelly can get you in any difficulty, as I wrote to him soon after you was transferred and made a full statement of the whole matter and Chas Compton told me that he ^{Kelly} received the letter he knew where ^{you} was for the last 3 or 4 months and could have demanded ^{you} at any time

If you could get the Secretary of war to indorse your papers you would be intirely out of the reach of Kelly you had better talk to Willie & May Smith about carrying them before the Secretary of war Willie could make a full statement of the

Matter in writing to the Secretary of war
the conversation past between me & Col Shields was
as follows I told the Col that I had a young man
with me who volunteered in the service for 12
months and was sent home on a sick furlough
and while at home his term of enlistment
expired he took no part in reorganizing the
company and did not receive the bounty of fifty
dollars I then asked the Col what position
he occupied his answer was that he was a
consent and put you in the Camp upon
those terms you can show this letter to Capt
Coleman if you think proper owing more
at present only remaining yours
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Fort Looney, Virginia March 28, 1863.

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