

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
Medical Department

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Charlottesville, Va.

Joseph L. Pollard, Esq.

My dear Sir:

I am greatly obliged to you for your interesting letter; and the two papers containing your articles on the battles of June 17th and of the Crater. They were written with literary taste, and a descriptive delineation of the real occurrences that testify to the truth of the "res gestae" as they passed before you.

I have copied both articles, and will have them re-published in one or more of our State and Society papers as soon as I can consult with some friends - taking care that due credit be given to you and to the Tappahannock Tidewater Democrat, in which they were published.

I would be greatly obliged to you if you can give me an account of any interesting incidents that occurred during my brother's command near Charleston, S. C., and of the part the Brigade took in the fight that occurred at Oluskee in Florida, and elsewhere during the campaign in the South, as I have some idea of writing a memorial article of his career in the Mexican as well as in the late War. He did everything that a man could do honorably to remain in the Army of Northern Virginia, and to keep out of Wise's Brigade, and went so far as to make a personal appeal to Gen. Randolph's Secretary of War and to President Davis to let the 26th Virginia remain in Rhodes command, but Mr. Davis said he had promised Gen. Wise to give him the 26th Regiment as the nucleus for a Brigade, and he had to submit, which he did as a true and loyal soldier, but it was a bitter disappointment to him.

I will mail the papers to your address with this letter.

Again thanking you, believe me,

Truly yours,

Jno. R. Page, M. D.

