

James Smith Letter March 1863

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Dear Father I received yours of the 24th in due time and was much pleased to hear from you.

I am delighted to hear you come out in support of the war. I most cordially indorse your sentiments, if the war resolves its [illegible section]

Hemanly [sic] captain over us and feel more contented;

I went to town the other day and expressed to your name 80 dollars and have still about 30 with me, part of which I will send if I can get to town again soon. When you write I wish you would let me know how my money matters stand. When we were at Bacon creek over a year ago we received 25 dollars pay of which I sent 15 home, that I think was received, at Nashville we got two months pay of which I sent 20 dollars and never got any account [section cut out of text] pay, this I kept with me until we came here and here we drew four months pay and then I thought I would try and get part of it to you as I thought I wad [sic] doing wrong in keeping so much with me, but I could not trust it all at once. I have given you a straightforward account of my money matters I thought you had a right to know what I did with my money. you [sic] must not think that I spend it idly, I spend very little except for tobacco which is very dear, I hope father you will put my money (as much of it as you get) to some good use, if you need it at any time dont [sic] hesitate to use it. I am young and strong and can work for more.

I can give you no news except that the general is accumulating immense supplies here and seems to be working the army up to the fighting pitch. We all love Rosecrans very much and have the greatest confiden[cut off] in his abilities as a general.

Now father I have written you a much longer letter than I thought I could write so I will close by asking you to continue to pray for me as I do for myself every day.

My health is splendid never was better for which I thank God every night.

your most affectionate son

James Smith