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## 1865-01-25, James B. to James M.

James Broderick Safford

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Office Provost Marshal

Pulaski, Tenn.

Apr 3<sup>rd</sup> 1864.

Dear Father

I have not received a letter from you since the 27<sup>th</sup> Inst -

I wrote you in the last and told you how we were situated but since that the thing has taken a very different aspect. We have been run for by Maj Gen Stanley with the 4<sup>th</sup> Army Corps and we now think that Mr Hood will have a happy time taking us prisoners or whipping us away from here - Hood is still south West of us on this side of the Tennessee River and will probably attack us here we are making preparations for him and will give him a warm welcome when he does come - Mr McClure started home on the 2<sup>nd</sup> I would have written by him but did not know of it in time

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you have nothing to prevent you  
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of it? I am sure it is all new  
to me. I dont want you to let  
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as not Communication is not  
cut off yet with Nashville -

I need my Boots very much  
if you dont come soon I wish  
you to express them or I will be compelled  
to buy a pair here - I must close  
now

write often

I am aff Dear

Jamies B. Safford

J. M. Coffin  
James M. Coffin  
D<sup>r</sup>

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Your Off son  
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[[written upside down]]

J.M. Safford

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