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Pulastic Linn
July 15th 1874

My dear Father,

I received your letter of the 10th or the 13th, you still owe me a letter in answer to one written after the 4th.

Last night our Regiment was paid. He received two months' pay and half bounty. I do not send any money. Since this time I have paid all my spare money to Mr. Jones at 10 per cent until next pay day. I did not like to do it but he has always let me have anything I wanted and done me a great many favors and by Barin getting that amount from me he squared up all his old debts. And will be all square with plenty of money next two months. I would not have done it with anyone else but I thought I could safely loan it to him.
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like Mitchell spend money first and
then pay debt afterwards. He pays
very thing sneaks as he goes.
Georgia got to pay from Mitchell
but last he is no syren with the
Officers and I think he has learned
a lesson in lending money to as
fast a Capt as ours.
Georgia is with David and got
along first rate he has scarcely any
thing to do and if he will only study
will be can get a better position in a
few months. I am about to come
the morning and I get my things
all night. I am very well pleased
with the shirts they are just the
thing for I took out with his
shirt so that the Government put
shirts didn't suit me at all.
I also got the things you sent
me in Charleston. But I
wish you would go
to Stapp and Prokhams and buy
me a good Black coat and
send me. I think if you will take
it to Smith Clothing store you
Can send it with Dr. Smith
Goods to Pay for one to that
way if he has shipped any things
kind in the first chance you
get I have none but an old
Chap that is all own out and I
Can write for more kind here for
less than 7 or 8.
There is getting to be a good
deal of sickness in the Regt the last
two weeks although our Company
is about well. On the 12th the
way called upon to bury Capt S. S.
Brustick if as I he was from Bloo-
mington and he was a good
Capt and a good citizen and
also a fine and good Christian.
He died very suddenly only being
sick 3 days. I see him the day
before he died he did not think he would get up again, and if he was certain that his Body would not come home, he would have died contented. But as we could not send his Body home, it is contrary to General Sherman's order to send any bodies north from Dunkirk. I must send them until after October 1st. I suppose you will remember the Capt., he was officer of the day, the time you give us the dinner at Columbus a very nice dinner. You must a set in it, I knew him well. Our Regiment is being gradually scattered, we only have 8 companies out of the 12 here now. We are building stables. I think one will stay here all winter. Mr. Ryder left yesterday by Win and see him when he arrives. I must close good bye.

P.S. Wallyds Expedition a few hundred to BBQ, again to pick his pocket. We will send this by others.

Yours affecrly,

J.B. Dafford
Pulaski Tenn  
July 15th/64

My Dear Father  
I rec’d your letter of the 11th  
or the 13th. you still owe me a letter  
in Answer to one written after the 4th  
Last night our Regiment was paid  
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Bounty  I do not send any money  
Home this time I loaned all my  
spare Money to Lieut Snook at 10 per cent  
Until next pay day I did not like to  
do it but he has always let me have  
any thing I wanted and done me  
a great many favors and by Borrowing  
that amount from me he squared  
up all his old Debts and will be  
all square with plenty of money next  
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for that short a time. He is not like Mitchell spend money first and then pay Debts afterwards. He pays every thing square as he goes.

Georgie got his pay from Mitchell at last. He is no square with his Officers and I think he has learned a lesson in lending money to as fast a Capt as ours.

Georgie is with Dr. Lewis and gets along first rate. He has scarcely any thing to do and if he will only study well he can get a better position in a few months. John shirts Box came this morning and I got my things all right. I am very well pleased with the shirts they are just the thing for I break out with the Heat so that the government wool shirts don’t suit me at all.

I also got the things you sent me in Canbys Box.

I wish you would go to Stapp and Bromhams and buy me a good Black Hat and send me. I think if you will take it to Smiths Clothing store you can send it with Dr. Sam’l Lewis girls [?] he says for me to [[superscript]] do [[/superscript]] that way. If he has shipped Doc’s things send it the first chance you get. I have none but an old Gre[[????]] Olny [?] that is all worn out and I can none of any kind here for less than 7 or 8 [$$].

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Our Regiment is being gradually scattered we only have 8 companies out of the 12 here with us now We are building stables I think we will stay here all winter –

Mr Ryker left yesterday try and see him when he arrives.

I must close good Bye

Your off son,

P.S. J.B. Safford

“Weasley is Expeding [[sic] a furlough to go to Madison to see his sick wife. I will send this by Him”