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H^o Am 10th Dec 1864
Grandly Spring, Ala
January 29th 1865

My Dear Father.

Your welcome letters of Dec 17. 29. and
Jan 10th 1865 reached here a day or two ago. You
can not imagine my joy at receiving them.

The first I had received for so long a time. I have
seen no papers from you yet and the books you
say you sent me have not yet come to hand but
the Stamps came through all right and were
very acceptable indeed there must be a
great many papers and letters on the road for
me I don't see why we don't get Mail regular
We are only a few miles from the River. And
Thomas has H^o Am at Eastport seven miles from
here - He received his Congratulatory order to the
Soldiers of his Command yesterday I suppose
you have seen it long before this it shows
what this army has done - We have gone
into Winter Quarters here and you should see
the Cabins all through our Brigade it
is like a little town. Alf Smith and I have
a wall tent fixed up with a floor in it.

and a store and me live fine as Princes but we
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the weather will permit — all I can find
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them beyond. Corvick that is the last
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drawn but one foot was a little sore
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well and in fine spirits — I am still acting
Adj't of the Regiment and Smith is acting Sergeant
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be promoted to Captain and no doubt he will
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but am on the staff I can be put in
any Company but I believe I would much
rather be adjt of a Regiment than be
in the line it is much nicer work and
no troublesome reports of Ordinances to make
out & such matters as line officers are
continually troubled with but I think
certain I will have a commission in less
than three months at farthest - They are
going to send home recruiting Officers
Smith & Baker are going from A. I.
The Major would not let me go as
he said he no one that could take my place
as I will not get home this winter but you
can get all the news from Baker and Smith
if you have not sent my things you can
send them they are brought here by
Boats from Suez or Cairo when
Smith comes he will tell you what
I want and how to send things to
me - I wish you would enclose to

in your next as I want a little money
to get washing done and I have not
the least bit and there seems to be no chance
of getting any here for several months
I need a pair of Good Gloves worse than
any thing else they can come by mail.

Brankorn got a pair last mail -
in sending things by mail & tie them up in
as strong a package as possible so they will
not ~~not~~ tear the paper off when they see
what is in a package they are generally
stolen - I am afraid I will never see those
gloves again - but I will dare now -

I don't know yet when these Recruiting
officers will start probably in a week
or so - Remember me to your Cousins I
would like to see him very much.

Love to all the folks and friends. I would
like to see them all - Write often

Yours aff son
James B. Safford

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