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Letter, S. H. Pope to W. H. Lee; 1/8/1865

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Shugualak Miss. January 8th 1865

Dear See

Your letter of the 3rd inst was received two days
before the eve of my departure to my new home and new
field of operations. I am stationed at this place as Purchas-
ing Commissary in charge of a District of three Counties. I
have Mrs. Tapp with me - we are very comfortably situated board-
ing in a very agreeable family. We are anxious for you to visit
Columbus. Mrs. Sumner and Miss Clodius told me to invite you
to make your home at their house during your stay in town.
I suppose you stop and spend a few days with me on your
way. I can make you comfortable but cannot promise you
an exciting time. I would be very glad to see you and talk
over old times. Come by all means if possible. Can you
work a transfer to the Hospital at Columbus in that
event permission would be granted you to remain at a private
house. We will expect you. All excitement from Reid's has
subsided. Columbus is now quiet. There is no local news
that would interest you specially. I remember no marriage
or death of recent date among your friends or acquaintances
either male or female, save Botte Fort who married his
Cousin Miss Collins of Tuscaloosa on the 2nd inst. He
was wounded in November, shot through both shoulders
and at the time of his marriage was unable to walk or acco-

He will recover the use of his arm. Should you visit London
but you will meet several of your acquaintances among the boys,
and doubtless would have a pleasant time if among the ladies.
I understand there are one or two longing for your return, and
probably more of whom I have not heard. I was very sorry
indeed that I did not receive your first letter until it was
too late to make the arrangement you suggested. I have been
travelling since middle of October, made a trip to Richmond
&c. so that my letters frequently did not reach me for
weeks after they were sent. When I telegraphed you I had just
returned from a tour of inspection on horse back, through the
interior of the State.

I have a fine boy, he is now quite interesting, walking and
beginning to talk. I would be glad to show him to you as a
model, worthy of imitation. I will expect to see you the
latter part of this week. You are certainly old soldier enough
to accomplish the visit. Be prepared to stop with me
at least one or two days. I will not claim more for I can
offer you nothing but Mrs Popps and my Company, and with
them permit you to go to a broader and richer field, where
there will be not limits to your friends and your enjoyment.
Go at once to Mrs Morrow's house. She is anxious to have you stay
with her and you know full well you will make a warm
welcome.

Your true friend
D. H. Poppe