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Camp Six miles from Richmond
June 16th 1862

Mr. McKinstry

Dear Sir

Yours of

May 29th came to hand ten days ago & as I have today sent off the effects of Arthur by express to you I take this opportunity to write you. The box contains his bible, revolver, housewife & two scrap books, in one of which you will find the song you allude to. There are also in the box two Pictures & two volumes of Hardee's Tactics which belong to Almond Hamilton whom you will oblige by handing them to his father or brother John.

Arthur's daily memorandum which he always carried with him must have been taken by the thieving rebels who robbed his pockets as I have been unable to find it.

His haversack which contained his portfolio was picked up the day after the battle by a member of our Company of which fact I had no knowledge until three days ago when the person who had it called

me into his tent & handed me this, last, unfinished letter of Nathans for the Censor which I have here inclosed to you. He had left the haversack but had the port-folio & said it contained nothing ^{else} when he got it but a few envelopes which were in it yet. The port-folio is somewhat delapidated & too large to go in the box which is the only one I could procure.

I am informed by the man who will carry the box to White House & deliver it to the agent there that the Co. will not accept the Charges in advance or give any receipts. I will incur some expense in getting it there, but I know not how much yet. The marches we had to undergo on leaving Williamsburg prevented me from carrying his Knapsack & some much worn clothing until I could send it to you being obliged to throw away many useful effects of my own to lighten my load.

We will probably get our pay tomorrow for March & April.

The weather is getting very hot & it requires great care with our army accommodations & bill of fare to prevent sickness.

My health is very good yet.

Any thing farther that - I can
do for you will be gladly done.

Accept my thanks for receive-
ing & disbursing (as directed) the re-
mittance for me sent by Arthur.

I have not time now to write
anything of what is going on here
at present - but you get nearly
all from the daily papers.

Your Friend & Servant
George Tate