

Montgomery Ala. May 6<sup>th</sup> 1866

My dear Mother

I have received 3 letters from you since last January and have written twice. I am exceedingly pained & sorry to have you write to me such things as you do. the more so as I am unable to do anything more at present than to write to you. I am now mustered out and the Regiment has gone home. Started on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April. My discharge dates from the ~~the~~ 30<sup>th</sup> of April. I had previously made up my mind to remain in Alabama & therefore was mustered out here at my own request. But the trouble is that I am obliged to wait for my certificate of non-indebtedness from the Second Auditor at Washington before I can get my final pay and so altho the Government is owing me over \$600. I have not a cent. My two months pay is \$300. My 3 months pay proper is \$160 and my commutation for travelling from \$200 to \$250 more. This certificate I may get in a week or perhaps in not less than a month. So if you can arrange with Mrs Felton I can soon assist you. the more especially as I will soon be in business, about which I can write to you better next time as I am going out & look at my location to morrow. Some 30 miles from here