

Dear Monastack Mr May 5 1865

For the eye of his Mother, and of
Others interested in him, I take pleasure in
saying that St James B Clay Jr, who has been
with ^{me} for the greater part of the time since the
Autumn of 1862, has departed himself as a
gallant and efficient Officer. He is a
cheerfull, brave, affectionate young man,
and bears with him whomever he may go, my
sincere wishes for his prosperity and happiness.

John C. Beckwith
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