

Answered - enclosed.

Colo Thomas A. Ruffin

Near Lexington

Fort Mifflin

Virginia

Colo Morgan

New Orleans Febry 25th 1838

My Dear Brother

By Colo Morgan who starts to Lexington in a short time, I send - and I must at least say to you that I am this far on my way back from Florida with my scalp on and in pretty good health - We landed off a Brig on yesterday one week at sea, and accidents apart I shall start on Tuesday morning for home - Colo Morgan who was with me throughout the campaign will give you all the particulars relating to the war and myself to whom I refer you, when he visits you as he has promised me to do - I take home with me a great many shells and other curiosities, out of which sister Sarah is hereby invested with full authority to demand sundries, and I shall ^{take} myself the office of distribution and ^{share} share at once, but they are so boxed up that I cannot get at them without exposing the whole to the curious fingers of the many Throaters that surround me - Had the singular good fortune to quit the service high in favour with the officers and men; I am