

Clinton Miss

May 6th 1862.

Col Erwin

I hope you will pardon me for thus intruding upon your ~~time~~ at such a time as this, and being a stranger, but I must plead great anxiety as regards the fate of some of my friends in your gallant 6th.

You will confer a great favor on my, by letting me know the fate of Capt Bickley Woodard and Lt Anderson of Capt Woodard's company, if they are unhurt, and after the coming engagement. Should you be wounded during the expected fight, I beg to you the hospitality of our house, also to either of the above mentioned, should it be at all practicable to reach this place - I trust you will excuse the great liberties I am taking, if possible let me hear the result as soon as possible. May Good One above give us a great and overwhelming victory, protect you all is the constant prayer of
Mattie R Lewis