Head Qrs 13th Ohio Cav
Petersburg Va May 24th 1865

Dear Father

I wrote you a letter a few days since. I had to close in a hurry or else miss the mail. I have but a few minutes to write now as I have to prepare to move in the morning to Chesterfield Court House This state has been divided into districts and sub districts Gen Smiths sub district consists of eight counties which is two for each regiment in the command Chesterfield and Powhatan or Powhatan Counties have been assigned to me. I do not know how I will find the inhabitants situated or feeling towards the government, but do not anticipate any trouble

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I cannot tell when I will be at home but if I am not discharged or do not resign I will get a leave of absence some time during the summer and pay you a visit. I have much I wish to write but will have to defer it till some other time I now have over a thousand men in my regiment and expect to get my commission as Colonel in a few days.

I have also been recommended by Gen. Smyth to the President for promotion to Brevet Colonel for the manner in which the regiment fought, and the captures made by it during the campaign. The recommendation was approved by Generals Ord & and Sheridan, and will probably go through. I write you this so that you may know

that the 12th were not idle while others fought.

When I get settled a gain I will write more. I was glad to hear that our debts were all paid.

Give my love to all at home

Affectionately
Your Son
S. R. Clark

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