

INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Head Quarters Dept. of Virginia & North Carolina,

Fort Monroe, Va. Dec. 18th 1863.

Dear Frank

I received your very welcome letter this morning, you are very kind to send me the *Cocculus Indicus*. I went immediately to the Hospital, and asked the Dr. to give me some whiskey to mix with it. He examined the stuff in my hand, and declared that it was not the article at all. He then gave me a bottle full, of the Tincture of *Cocculus Indicus*, which I used at once, and feel much relieved. So Gov. Curtin has sent for my testimonials has he, I suppose then, that he has decided upon a commission for me - does not Pa think so? Tell Father to write him as soon as you get this, that I am on my way home, for

a ten days furlough, and to send the commission to me there, instead of Fort Monroe - I hope the position will be a pleasant one -

I asked the Colonel this morning if he would sign me a furlough of ten days - and he replied "Oh, yes, willingly". So you see there is no trouble about it -

I suppose you are all fixed by this time in your new home - how do you like it? I can get the position of 1st Lieut. & Regt. Dr. Master in a Brigade of Col'd Cavalry now forming, under the direction of Major Cole - but I don't want it, if I can get something better -

We had a heavy shower of rain yesterday & last night - cloudy to day - I hope it will clear up by Sunday -

Give much love to all, and hoping soon to see you - I remain as ever

Your affectionate brother
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