Mustering Office for Colored Troops.

Nashville, June 18, 1863

My dear Barret,

I write you just when I was in the Sequatchie Valley — as I remember it — we were then moving on Chattanooga. With my usual fortune I escaped the Chickamauga fight. About a week before the battle I was ordered up here as Mustering Officer of Colored Troops and to take part in the organization of said troops. Have been here since "so doing." Our regiment from this Department has been fully raised and organized and is in the field doing duty.

The Second has been raised and its organization would have been completed but for certain delaying circumstances before this. We hope we shall see it finished here and in Camp at Gallatin about 600 Recruits for the 48th.
Regiment. The Fourth and Fifth are soon to begin recruiting. Major Geo. Leavitt is in charge of the business. Dominator in the new [illegible] render myself as endeavors to do so generally useful in setting and in shaping things so that matters may go as smoothly. Gen. Johnston is now fully in the work and co are all the Union men of the State, whether Slave holders or not. The people generally feel the insecurity of slave property and the exigencies to our fate gracefully expose. Before the present Winter is over ground may be broken in Kentucky. If only Major Abraham could once hear his soldiers talk about Kentucky and its Unionism! Rosser's has been received as you know. So you also know they his Army don't think he was fairly treated. Their history generally at least are too good.

Col. Hill not to submit peacefully and implicitly confidence in their wisdom. To the Chief of the Department Chief of the Armies and Navy of the United States for they did like Rosser's and believed in his Generalship. They kept the idea that Rosser's were stumped. Rosser's did not go a moment too soon to great people think, to challenge some think not long enough. All people as to soldier citizen is always love honored as a soldier and as a man (George H. Thomas). Don't sign offers of free get our Circulars 2. All will issues would be of very great interest to me and to keep (Judge) Relation of Martin for they would pre-quest turn directly upon Davis. Greenleaf to us. If your office does pay legal and you could send a letter to Judge and me both you would very greatly oblige us.

My kind regards to Mrs. Barrett. Black. Remember me to Nelson Judge Adams and