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Camp Howard Aug 26

Dear Father & Mother

I will write
a few lines to you
We expect to leave
here tomorrow morning
early we read our
bounty yesterday Bird
a letter from mother
last night was glad
to hear that you was
some what relieved hope
to hear soon that you
are entirely well I was
expecting to see you soon

here but have given

that up now

Father will find enclosed
\$68,00 of my bounty
also a silver book for
his watch guard.

my health is better

than it was when
you were here &
was corporal of the
guard Sunday and
Sunday night liked it
well (too) Love of Sir
M^{rs} Jacobs daughters
have just been here
she has sent me up
a basket full of brown-

and crackers.

I want you to write me
as soon as you find out
where to direct to let
me know whether you
receive the money or
not I shall write
as soon as I get settled
good bye till next
time

Believe me your obedient
servant
Wm B. Bliff.

I send this by
Daniel Sanford



Letter from Wilbur Clifford to his father and mother, William and Sarah Clifford (Aug. 26, 1862) -- Transcription

Camp Howard Aug. 26

Dear Father and mother,

I will write a few lines to you. We expect to leave here tomorrow morn early. we rec'd [received] our bounty yesterday. I rec'd [received] a letter from mother last night. was glad to hear that you was some what relieved. hope to hear soon that you are entirely well. I was expecting to see you down here but have given that up now.

Father will find enclosed \$65,00 [\$65.00?] of my bounty also a silver hook for his watch guard.

my health is better than it was when you were here. I was Corporal of the guard Sunday and Sunday night liked it well too. two of McClellan's daughters have just been here. she has sent me up a basket full of biscuits and crackers.

I want you to wright [write] me as soon as you find out where to direct [it] to. let me know whether you receive [received] the money or not. I shall write as soon as I get settled. good bye till next time.

I remain your unworthy son
W.M. Clifford

I send this By
David Sanford

Transcription Convention

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| [word] | after a word indicates the correct spelling of a word misspelled in the original text
OR explanatory text |
| [5 words] | indicates approximately how much of the letter is illegible |
| [] | indicates a deletion or crossed out word in original text |
| (word) | indicates resolution of a symbol or an abbreviation |
| (?) | indicates that reading is uncertain |

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