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George C. Sibley

Langdon C. Easton

3d Feb. `47

Chillicothe

Chillicothe, Ohio, 3rd February, 1847

Dear Sir:

I have this moment received your letter of the 25th ultimo. I can assure you that it is highly gratifying to me to see with what cheerfulness you interest yourself in my behalf- Please accept my thanks for your attentions to the Subjects of my letter of the 4th of January- When I wrote that letter it was believed that the new regiments would be placed on the same footing with those now in the service; that is they would be raised for an indefinite time, and in order to “take time by the forelock” I wrote to yourself and several of my friends before anything definite was known with regard to the bill- If the bill becomes a law in the shape that it has passed the lower house, I shall be governed by your advice, and not give up a certainty, for an uncertainty- tho’ I should receive advanced rank- I am now 2nd on the list of 1st Lieutenants, and if the recent reports, with regard to Santa Anna’s having divided General Taylor’s forces with 35000 men, be true, I think it quite probable that I will soon be in Mexico as Captain Easton; for mark me, there will be a desperate struggle ere our troops are driven from their present positions and compelled to retreat to the banks of the Rio Grande.

I have done everything, consistent with reason, in order to get to Mexico, but my endeavors thus far have proved unsuccessful. I shall be much mortified if the war should terminate without my having had a hand in it.

I am astonished to learn that there is so great a difference between your winter and ours. We are I believe a little north of you, and yet not one of our rivers have frozen over this winter-

In fact the citizens have had some apprehensions about being able to get ice for the summer; but a short cold spell during the middle of last month, relieved them their uneasiness, and enabled them to fill their houses with tolerable good ice.

Tell Mary that I find here an old friend and school-mate of hers- Mrs. Latham formerly Miss Maria Anderson- They were at school together at Lexington, Ky.

I think my best chance for advancement in the Army at present is to obtain the appoint of Captain and Assistant Quartermaster- It will give the rank of Captain in the Army without taking away from my commission in the line- This Commission I would give up so soon as I attained the rank of Captain in the line of the Army- It would be of very great advantage to me at this time, and if you will assist me in obtaining the appointment, you will confer me the influence of Senator Allen from this State. If you make any move in this, please write me what you have done.

Please be particular in remembering me to all my friends

Very Sincerely Yours

L. C. Easton

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