

Wood Park, June 1st 1864

Must visit close to land to his farm & Park, are well.

& family
love
with love
from
& little
Mrs
Judge
Staggie.

I heard through the Prescotts that you had been to see them about two weeks ago and were looking as well, which of course was very pleasant news, though I think you ought have paid Charlie & myself a visit, & come to see your poor little burnt grand-daughter. Although it has been four weeks since Dora was burnt, her burns have not yet commenced to heal up, but continue to run with matter, which is not a favourable symptom. Dr. Tucker of Lafouche is practicing on her now, and I hope will effect a more speedy cure. Poor little thing, she has withered away very much, and looks very badly.

Charlie left us yesterday for Texas. He regretted very much having to leave Dora still so unwell, but was compelled to go, as he has been conscripted and put in the army. He went to Shreveport without his exemption, to get some medicines for Dora, & had to apply for a pass; though the same surgeon examined him, and had his name in his book of exempts, still he would not give him an exemption, but said though not capable of field service, he must be made a hospital agent, and would be subject to orders as soon as some post was assigned him. Charlie was compelled to go to Texas to attend to some business, so gave his address in Texas. I do think it was very unjust to put Charlie in the army,

for if any one ever was entitled to an exemption
he certainly is. Then too he was in government service,
as he was hauling for government, and expected to
do so again as soon as his mules were in a condition
to do so. I am writing to you, to urge your influence
to get him out of the army. You, I know, have so
much influence with Governor Allen, and all the
"big folks" in Shreveport, that I am sure if you
see them and state the facts about Charlie, how
incapacitated he is for army service, you will
certainly be able get him off. I shall depend on
you to help us now, as you have always done, and
feel every confidence that you will be able to do so.

Charlie was not ordered to report to any one in Texas
and intends going there attending to his business, &
then returning to report in Shreveport, as he feels too
uneasy about Dora, to stay long from her.

I received a letter from Buck about a week ago,
dated from his place in Texas. He did not write
much about his stay in Attakapas, or our friends
there, but only announced his arrival there & begged me
to write to him. I also received a letter from Allie,
in which she gives a charming account of Free Cloud, &
seems much better satisfied with Texas than formerly.
Perhaps it is because she is a bride and all looks "Coloured
-rose" now. She says they have had fine rains & the crops
of wheat & corn are looking beautifully. Then too she had
fine pasturage for her mules, & they were very fat. Dora
keeps me so occupied, I seldom have time to write, and