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# P. M.

"Dear Father"

Since writing writing to you this morning I have learned some important news which for fear you will not hear I will write. I am very glad to inform you that the Regiment of Tonawanda formerly commanded by Col<sup>l</sup> Clavort and numbering about 1200 men now numbers <sup>200</sup> "all told quite a decrease" it is said that in the retreat of the Federal Army that they were overtaken by a body of Texas Rangers and literally cut to pieces. In a letter from the President which I saw this morning he estimates our loss in killed at 500 and 1500 wounded "No Prisoners" and that of the Enemy is estimated at

from seven to eight thousand killed  
and wounded and an immense  
number of Prisoners beside which  
the Confederates captured "Sixty one"  
pieces of Artillery among which is  
Sherman's Battery, 20,000 stand of  
"Arms" all their waggons and Baggage  
and as the President said in his  
speech enough Prisons to last  
50,000 men some time. General Scott  
Curran and Worsley together with  
his Cavalry and that sword which  
was presented to him by the Ladies  
of Virginia was captured. A great  
many of the U.S. Senators were  
out for Arlington Heights and vicinity  
near the battle field to witness  
the defeat of the Rebels and for this  
occasion had prepared a Dumyptore  
Banquet in a house near the battle  
and on the retreat of their men  
and the onset of ours came very  
near being captured three of them

were captured. besides a great many  
Baskets of Champagne with all the  
sumptuous dinner "Poor Fellows!" I  
wonder if they didnt get hungry  
before they got home

Your Obedient Servant  
Gen. A. Sparrow

George

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