

S. M. Carter  
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Capt. Geo. Sparrow  
Washington

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My dear Sparrow:  
My company  
has volunteered into the 1<sup>st</sup>  
Regiment, and we will be  
off for the old Dominion in  
a week. If you are dis-  
posed to permit a dozen or  
so of your adventurous young  
men to join me, I will ex-  
change an equal number  
of good fishermen and crab-  
bers with you.

You have some men who  
will esteem it a favor to  
be allowed to go to Virginia,  
and I hope you will  
oblige them.

I send you my drum

which will do for the  
Portsmouth Cannoisers in  
music -

The hall has opened  
in Virginia, and the Jeff  
Davis Rifles are our part-  
ners in the dance -

Would you were with  
us - God bless you -

Yours truly  
D. M. Carter