

My dear Sparrow:

I wish you would send me by Capt Josephus Wallace the muskets you carried to Portsmouth.

I lack that many of having enough to supply my men for drill in the manual. With the exception of the manual (in which some of them, who have no muskets, are yet untrained) I can make them execute any maneuver in Hardee's school for the soldier and shall for the Company. I drill them from six to seven hours a day. Their chief deficiency is in a soldierly post and carriage - which is hard to supply to rusties.

We are without news of special interest. The enemy are accumulating vast stores and armies on the Virginia border, and their plan of campaign is a simultaneous movement of large bodies of troops from several points of approach towards Richmond, and to harass us with predatory excursions along the coast. Davis and Beauregard have gone to Virginia, and it is to be hoped we shall have some concert and activity imparted to the Southern troops.

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gattered in that State. All the operations conducted by Scott will be very cautiously executed. "They say" all intention of opening fire on Fort Pickens is abandoned.

I have joined Col George B Andersons Regiment of infantry - the 4th

My company will not be ready to move in ten days yet I fear.

Locofocos have the preference in everything, and with their infernal greed for office, are monopolizing all the posts of honor and profit, and playing into each others hands - cheating and plundering the State.

Peacock, Ellis and that inert ap-
Hoke will play the devil with North Carolina

Have yourself put in mesmeric communication with me when you are feasting on broiled mullets this summer.

Very sincerely your friend

D W Fenton