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My Dear Sparrow.

I was very glad to meet with my son William here, as it afforded me an opportunity to hear from you + your company. I am glad to learn that you are all well, and so comfortably quartered; but that is not what soldiers want, you and your company can win imperishable glory. if you have the opportunity;

where you now are, that opportunity will never (in all probability) be offered you; you will remain there, during the war, unless you now agree to go into active service. It will be a burning shame for you and your gallant company to be buried, literally buried on the sand banks of Portsmouth.

there is not + will not be any chance for you to have an engagement with the enemy down there, Virginia and Maryland is the field for glory there, a formidable engagement will surely take place in a few days. if our troops are successful

in the first engagement, they will attempt to drive the bandol back beyond the Potomac, if we are repulsed. then we shall fall back and prepare to meet them at other points. There will be the field of blood & glory. you ought by every consideration to come immediately on here, I have seen Gov Ellis and he has promised me that you and your company shall be placed in a Regiment of State troops, and sent immediately on to Va if you wish it and you & your officers shall all be retained in your present posts if you desire it, but I know that you will soon be promoted and so will many of your men, but if you delay the opportunity will pass by and you will have to remain where you are, while Swindell Carmer & Carter, will go ahead of you and occupy a proud place in future history! do not remain there my dear friend when I can now place you in the road to glory. the Gov. has promised me to keep the matter open for me until I can hear from you, just make

out a list of such of your men
as are willing to join the State
troops, with the names of the officers
and send it up in haste, and you
shall have orders to come up here
at once, & if you come now. I can
get you in any Regiment. you may
wish to join, if I only knew that
you would come I would get orders
for you at once, if some of your
men refuse to come with you. let
them join some other company down
there. the Gov says you may transfer
them to any company you please
just secure enough to make
a company. & come right along
dont delay. there are plenty of
men who wish to remain there
and who are unfit to go any where
else, but as the Gov. says. it is a
shame for such a company as he
understands yours to be to remain
down there! Please think of this
matter, and decide as soon as
possible and send up your tender
I am very desirous to see your
company marching through the streets
here, such shouts of applause
from the assembled wisdom of

the State here, as would send the
air, or seeing your Company. would
make you all feel six inches
taller, I write in haste and
am sorry to say that I am not
in good health - Present my
best regards to your Company and
accept my best wishes for
yourself

Truly your friend

F. B. Satterthwaite

Capt Wm Sharrow.

Portsmouth

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