

July 15th 1863

Gibson House, Cincinnati
Ohio

Dear Uncle

I take the opportunity
at this time of addressing you
for the purpose of stating my
situation and asking your amiable
assistance if you should feel
so disposed

I think you have learned by of
Mother of my being at a Hospital
in Lexington on account of ill
health, leaving my Regt on
the 4th of June at the time it
left Camp Orchard

I soon recovered and went to

Convalescent Camp; but could
not join ^{my} the Regt in account
of the orders from Gen. Burnside ^{against} that
~~any~~ Convalescents of the 9th A.C.,
joining their Regts.

July 1st I received my Commission from
the Gov of New Hampshire as 2nd
Lieut of Co. F, receiving a letter at the
same time from my Colo. desiring
me to get mustered as such, as
soon as possible and return to duty
if able. I intended to do so both
at Hickmans Bridge (where I have been
in Camp) and Lexington but
failing to do so on account of
proper authority I procured transpor-
tation last Monday for this Place
and reported to Gen. Burnside and
learned that on account of some
new orders, I cannot be mustered
till my application for the same

is signed by the Colo This places
me in an awkward position
as I cannot get paid off until
I have been mustered as a Lieut
My Commission dating May 1st -
I have due me two months Lieut's
and two months Srgt's pay
I have run out of money several
days and could get along now
(as I have done) if I were a private soldier
In accordance with the above
~~I would like~~ you will do me
a great favor by sending me
\$50.00 fifty dollars by express
for which I will send receipt and
repay you as soon as I shall receive
my due from the Govt

Respectfully your obedient
nephew Charles W. Wilcox
Lieut Co F 9th Regt Vt. Inf.

I have not heard from Home
for near a month although I
am sure there are letters somewhere
for me but as been shifting about
so much of late I have failed to
get them

There is much excitement here Marshal
Law to business and every able bodied
man in arms C.W.