

Headquarters W<sup>3</sup> Forces  
Duck River Bridge Oct 18 1863

C. B. H. Thompson

or his

My Brother in law Dr. Wright wishes to enter the Army there is no vacancy in my Regiment I regard him as a good physician & if you can put him in as an assistant Surgeon of some new Regt. you will confer a very peculiar favor on me.

I have to keep up an Establishment at home on account of my disabled sister and the Doctor has little or no practice and therefore makes to join the Army, and I hope you will do something for him.

We have had quite a raid on this road but it only stopped Ammunition two days.

I was overhauled by Gen. Hooker for evacuating Wartrace. But I had my written order from Maj

Gen Gordon Granger which was unfortunate  
and set me all except at Hd Qu<sup>s</sup>  
but my boys have occasionally to  
thrash a Potomac soldier for talking  
about me & Col Lee Obeying our orders  
to the affair

I have not seen any northern paper  
I don't know that anything has  
been said injurious to me & so would  
not deem it necessary to make any  
defence to you. But fearing some  
statement may have reached you  
reflecting on me for leaving Hartwood  
I merely wanted to say I left that  
place by order that I dare not do  
so & can produce them any time  
I am more particular in writing  
because it was a blunder to leave  
the place & cost us a budge and  
the officers of the Potomac Army are  
determined to saddle the responsibility  
on some of us

Everything is quiet now

Respectfully Yours

J P Baird