

Nashville, Feb 17, 1901

My dear Father

I am very sorry that my explanation & my telegram is [sic] so slow in reaching you. I have been indisposed with cold – but all well again now- I was not able to write to you – and feeling the case so urgent I telegraphed – not to make any further effort for I have learned that if too many people make applications for a commission for one individual – he gets nothing – for each person applied to relies on the other man and in fact on one takes any interest-

My father has tremendous influence with one high in office – and I have a splendid pull through a friend of mine in Philadelphia – who is an intimate friend of the Surgeon General –

When Jack wanted a commission for the war in the Philippines when he was called to Washington he had two commissions awaiting him –

My father and I have been at work for months – and I feel sure that our influence and Jack's wonderful record will gain him something – I have no hope of course of his being major in the regulars – but I feel almost certain of a captaincy for him—

It's almost out of the question that Jack can remain any longer in that climate—his health will suffer, and then the awful separation for each other that he and I would have to endure puts it beyond the possible. Since the beginning of the war in Cuba – we have been together only about three months – Life is fleeting and we are losing much time.

I am extremely anxious for Jack to remain in the army. He has found his [?] – it suits him but I believe that we can get him a commission in the Regulars and is therefore unwise to agitate the question of his remaining in the Philippines.

I am deeply appreciative of your efforts in our behalf—and hope you understand why I have asked you not to worry any further.

I have letters from Jack – received two yesterday written some time apart – but they come very irregularly. He has kept well has only had fever once.

I which I could be chatting with our instead of writing for there are so many things of interest to discuss.

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I am so sorry you have been ill. Will you be going soon to Florida?

I have been here since the middle of November having been summoned here on account of the illness of my oldest niece who had typhoid. Ive [sic] had a very anxious time for over two months – but we saved her – and she is now well and strong again.

I return to Miss White this week – she wants me with her – and then I want to be nearer the centre of things on account of Jack's commission.

I shall let you hear at once any news I have of Jack.

Will you also be good enough dear to write me anything you may hear – [?] about his chances on any movement of the Regiment –

I feel deeply grateful to you for your interest in our future welfare for it means everything to us --

I hope to hear that you are well again.

Yours most fondly

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