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Greeneville, Tenn 8th Oct 1880

My Dear Henry:

Your letter duly rec'd. Of course I do not and never shall forget the glorious boys who followed me, or rather went with me in our charge on Blocher's Battery at Boone Grove. I am simply Major Pettibone now. It is the most glorious title I ever had for I always cry when I think, or rather try to talk, about Boone Grove. There is one man who lives near me who was with me in our struggle. His name is Jerry Hale. was in the 1st Tennessee Ark. Cavalry. I am just out of the most

terrible fight ever fought in the south - fight political. I live in the old Andy Johnson district - I was for congress and won by 1700 majority Had 38 joint discussions - a dozen plots to bulldoze - bowldrat - or intimidate me. But as Gen Hanson said to me a few months ago at Washington "The army of the frontier" - does not often get frightened -

I was prepared for college by Gen Garfield - And always call him when I go to Washington which is often -

Now as to your matter. I can savor you more shot through the neck at Rome Greek - Struck by a buck

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shot - I recollect you sat into our lines the next morning about daylight - possibly a little before. We had considered you were either killed - or wounded mortally or not a prisoner - For you know when Major Starr gave the order for the right wing to retreat we were surrounded - & got out in a hurry!

2nd I can swear you were with your Company until your wound healed - but you were not the same after the battle you were before -

3rd I can swear that your pluck was a matter of pride with our Company until I ceased to Command it. Put all

this occurred Dec 7 1862-

Let your agent from there
boots get up such an
affidavit as he wishes
and I will sign it, or
remodel it to suit myself
But - my statement can't
hurt you and I too have
collected hundreds of claims.
And after next 4th March
if I live I shall be in
Calgary and I will talk
with my mouth "for my
boys".

Give me the address
of all your boys you can -
write postals to them to
write for me - and I'll
help them all I can -

God bless you Henry
in the power of angels - my boy
Herman + my boys - Yours devotedly
A H Gilbert

Washington DC, 18th Jan 82

My Dear Friend: Your letter is just to hand. I have sent it to the Sec of the Interior with earnest request that you be supplied with the Geological surveys indicated & really can not give an opinion in regard to the survey of Alaska &c. I am my Dear — always your friend — A. H. Stephens

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