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in Reply to your of Recent date
i am the insubstantial Jno J. Smithson
that served in the late war in the
39 Regiment Company K. W. et
in the same company with
Sammy Taylor this soldier
was with other he was carried
as detail a way from other
and i cant tell why he went
he was Mastered out with
us But i cant say tell
or answer your question
Please let other hear
from you ancedately

and you abliege
your Jno J Smithson
Madison Inchester
So Ad 88 349