

Fort R. Gamble Miss Florida
April 14th 1840

Dear John

I was very much gratified to receive a letter from you by the last mail & pleased that it contained the information that you were very agreeably disappointed in the situation to which you have been assigned. I hope you will continue as well satisfied as you ~~are~~ at present although I am sure the duties of an A. D. M. & A. A. C. I would test most unequivocally the patience of y^r humble serv^t.

I continue as contented as I can wish. My duties consist of a three days scout every week & superintending the erection of Quarries during the rest of the time. We have always a scout in the field & when I return, the Sergeant & occasionally the Captain (who commands the district) go out with Escorts. Keep our men constantly employed, tho' the ^{officers} have a good deal of leisure time. Johnson is 2^d Master for this post & Russell which is as much as he can possibly attend to.

We generally pay about one visit each per week to Col Gamble's dine, spend the evening & stay all night, return after breakfast next morning. This breaks considerably in upon what would be otherwise the monotonous routine of military duty & is a source of much enjoyment to us. On Friday we are to have some half a dozen young ladies from Tallahassee to spend a week or two at Col G's & we expect to have quite a gay time of it, I wish you were here to participate in it.

Col Green has received letters from Col. Worth & the Adjutant General respecting B. G. & they have not as yet been made public & hence perhaps it may be well that their contents should not as yet go beyond yourself. That of Col Worth is to the Adjt Gen & is to the effect that B. G. had left