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Harpersboro March 31st

Dear Father I received yours of the 24th in due time & was much pleased to hear from you.

I am delighted to hear you come out in support of the war I most cordially indorse your sentiments, if the war resolves its-

the manly captain over us & feel more contented;

I went to town the other day & expressed to your name 80 dollars

& have still about 30 with me, part of which I will send if I can get to town again soon. When you write I wish you would let me know how my money matters stand. When we were at Bacon creek over a year ago we received 25 dollars pay of which I sent 15 home, that I think was received, at Ashville we got two months pay of which I sent 20 dollars & never got my account

you as I thought I was doing wrong in keeping so much with me, but I could not trust it all at once. I have given you a straightforward account of my money matters. I thought you had a right to know what I did with my money. You must not think that I spend it idly, I spend very little except for tobacco which is very dear, I hope father you will put my money (as much of it as you get) to some good use, if you need it at any time don't hesitate to use it. I am young & strong & can work for more.

I can give you no news except that the general is accumulating immense supplies here & seems to be working the army up to the fighting pitch. We all love Rościana very much

pay, this I kept with me until we came here & here we drew four months pay & then I thought I would try & get part of it to

& have the greatest confidence
in his abilities as a general.

Now father I have written you
a much longer letter than I
thought I could write so I
will close by asking you to
continue to pray for me as
I do for myself every day.
My health is splendid
never was better for which I
thank God every night.

your most affectionate son
James Smith.