

From J.L. Bennett to Alex M. Bedford

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St[.] Joseph Mo[.]

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Lt[.] A[.]M. Bedford

Dear Brother[.]

your kind letter came to hand in due season & I hasten to answer it. your Wife & myself saw Gen[.] Craig & Maj[.] Bruce this morning & Maj[.] Bruce telgraphe to Washington immediately to have you released if possible. you can write to Gen[.] Hickock at Washington City & state the facts to him that you are tired of the war & willing to take the oath and return home. also write the condition of your health & also tell him he has been appraised of your caracter at home before the war by Gen[.] Craig & Maj[.] Bruce[.] make your Letter short & to the point & they think you will have no trouble.

if the authorities let you out you can let us know immediately & we will send you money & you can come to St[.] Joseph & meet your family there & then we can make arrangements for you. Maj[.] Bruce will write to Gen. Hickock to to day stating all the facts in the case.

Let us hear from you immediately[.] when you get out you can telegraph to Gen. Craig[,] St[.] Joseph & he can send you money immediately or to [MS. illegible].

all well. all join me in love to you.

your Brother

J.L. Bennett