

From Maurice E. Pitcher to Mr. Colgan

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Independence, Mo.

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Mr. Colgin.

Through the request of your son Willie I write to you, to let you know his whereabouts. He came into this state with Genl. Price's army. he staid all night with us on the 21st of Oct.--he is looking quite well,--was well dressed--, and indeed he had no appearance of being "one of Price's starved to death, rag-muffins". Price's army remained in this place only one night.--They had a series of battle's from little blue (in this country) until within a few miles of Fort Scott, and

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you may well imagine they had a series of successes.

Willie was very anxious to see you, and would have written to you himself, but all communication was cut off from this place at that time--only recently the mails have resumed their regular trips to, and from place, hence my delay in not writing to you sooner. We hear no news now, from the army.--I think Price has left the State,--although he and his men seemed to be very sanguin that they would remain here during the coming winter.

This letter must necessarily be somewhat hasty, and confused, as this place has been in the

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wildest excitement ever since the battle here, in consequence of the wounded of both parties left.

I did not know your given name,--consequently had to direct my letter to your son.

Your friend,

Maurice E. Pitcher