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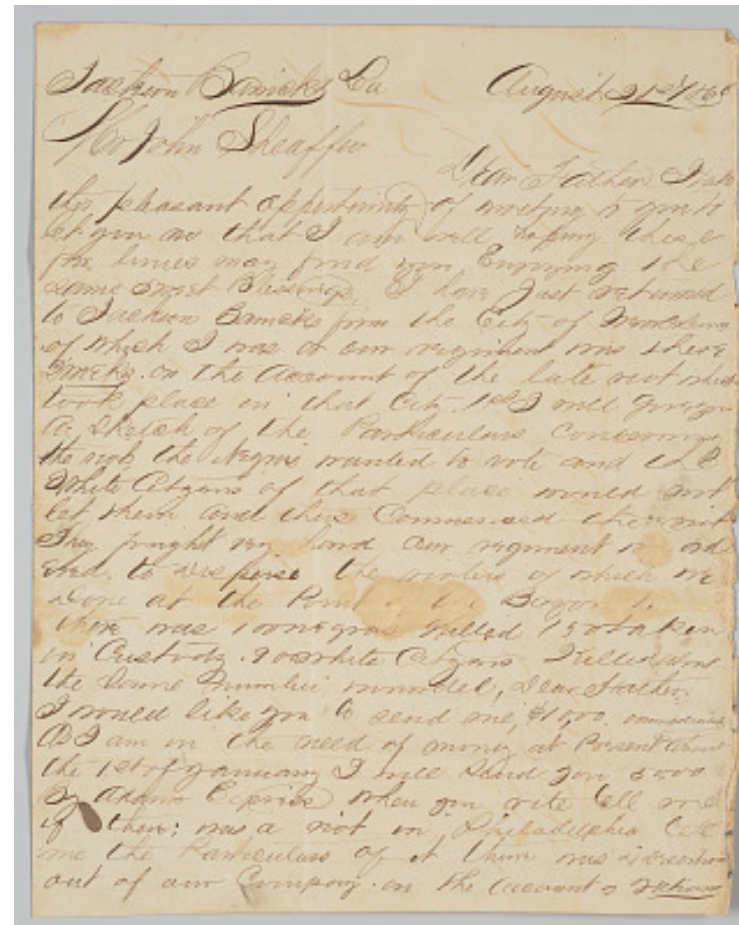
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Jackson Barracks, La August 21st 1866

Mr. John Sheaffer

Dear Father I take this pleasant opportunity of writing to you to let you no that I am well hoping these few lines may find you Enjoying the same sweet Blessings. I have just returned to Jackson Barracks from the City of New Orleans of which I was as our regiment was there 2 weeks. on the account of the late riot which took place in that city. 1st I will give you a sketch of the particulars concerning the riot, the Negroes wanted to vote and the White citizens of that place would not let them and thus commensed the riot. They fought very hard our regiment was ordered to disperse the rioters of which we done at the Point of the Bayonet.

There was 100 negroes killed 150 taken in custody, 90 white citizens killed about the same number wounded, Dear Father I would like you to send me \$10,00 immediately as I am in the need of money at present about the 1st of January I will send you 50,00 By Adams Express when you rite tell me if there was a riot in Philadelphia tell me the particulars of it there was 4 desertion out of our Company in the account of rations



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