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Description: Luther Lawrence to brother Frank

when on Transports, we have to pay 50cts. per meal.
I presume you have sent that \$25.00 by Express
which I sent for some time ago. I should have
got it as quick and quicker by Mail perhaps.
I have been very busy for the past two weeks squaring
my Books, making Payrols, Returns &c &c. Capt Nash
never kept the Books in any shape, and I have had
a hard one putting things to rights. I am bound
to keep everything on the square while I
have charge. This brings me to that matter
of Stiles. A few days before we left Yorktown
I made out a certificate of Disability
for Stiles and filled up his Final Discharge
and sent them to Hd Qrs for approval.
After they were approved, it was my
duty to give him a Certificate to
enable him to get his pay and travelling
pas. They were not approved till I and
the rest of the Comp'y that were well had
left Yorktown. Then instead of giving
them to the S S Surgeon of Hospital they
were given to him. I had furnished him
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or entitled him to transportation to Maine.
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as well as if he had died in the Compy.
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the same as all discharged men have had
from my or any other Compy. The fault
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Feb'y 14, and March 1st. I rec'd two Transcripts today
Jan'y 7th Feb'y 7th and 14th, and Advertiser of 11th inst.
Can you send me a Press with a copy of Naglee's
Gen. Order No. 3.? What do you think of it? What
do they say of it in Portland? or don't they notice
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Write all the gossip you can think of. Your aff bro'
Direct to Hilton Head, S.C. L. Lawrence

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