

Letter from  
G. W. Starnes  
at Niblett's Bluff, Louisiana  
To Friend  
[Aaron Martin "Dick" Dunman?]

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Dear Friend wee [sic] arrived here yesterday morning after a very bad trip of twoo [sic] days from Harris Burgh [Harrisburg, Texas] through the rain and mud nearly all the time and allmost [sic] nothing to eat because wee had no chance to cook on the way but wee are all rite [sic] now - this is monday and I think wee will leave here about wednesday. there is five or six of the boys sick all the time. Cadmus [Wilburn] ~~is~~ & myself is both a little sick all the time. the Companys [sic] are leaving as fast as they can get teams to hall [sic] their baggage. one left yesterday and two is leaving to day. wee have a very bad chance to wright [sic] so you need not expect long letters. they say the roads are very bad and of course wee will have a bad time of it. I wish you would try and get my horse at home as soon as you can and keep him there. Jim [James Taylor Booth?] and myself have been washing today and you ought to see what a fist [?] Jim makes of it. the boys have a heap of fun in the River swimming &c. well I will have to close so good buy your Friend

G. W. Starnes