

Williamsburg, Va. 1/20/06*

Capt. E.F. Morgan
Richmond, Va.

Dear Sir:

This morning I turned out my cooks at six o'clock also the one leg italian (sic) and at 7 minutes pass (sic) six he could not be found. I also put a man with a gun out to ~~help~~ hold them, so we all got bussy (sic) and chaced (sic) him all day until 3 oclock when Mr. Morris road (sic) up on him and brought him in to camp and I was certainly glad to see him. I will pay Reeves up in the morning: a man who can't hold 4 men with a shot gun & pistol is no good to me. He (Itallian *sic*) only has 1 leg but I put a ball and chain on that and will give him 39 in the morning. All of my men have worked hard today looking for him ~~have~~ did not stop from 6-15 this morning until he was [landed?]. Acker is still out and it is now 7 oclock he got separated from the rest of the men some where, but never the less I am glad to see he

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is made out of the right stuf (sic) and does not give up. I only have three men now. So send me the first good one you can. I have my camp in fairly good shape and we are ready for more men. Hoping you will soon be down, I am

Yours very truly
W.B. Pattie

P.S. We intended on going to church this morning and leave 1 man on duty, but we did not have time. P

***Editor's Note: date is actually 1/20/07.**