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[1809], May 2

Letter, Capt. Winfield Scott to Dr. Dennis Claude
Re, reprimand for irregularity of duty.

(with 676)

Tuesday morn. May 2nd.

Sir,

Yesterday morning I addressed a note to you on the subject of the sick of my company stating that several of those stricken from the sick list had not been reported "for duty" because they it was presumed you did not intend they should be liable to a detail for every sort of duty, but that it was unnecessary longer to send them up to you for medical aid. For although you had restored them to their wonted locomotion, it was, I thought, evident, that they were still but convalescents, and therefore not qualified to perform all the duties of a soldier. The objects of my note were enquiry and information, and I think as delicately made as it could well have been. Yours is of a different character. You complain where no injury has been done, and threaten where none is apprehended. Such conduct is calculated to excite a sentiment very different from respect - it is both idle & impotent.

Yours

Your reports too have been irregular
and out of form. They have been some what
in this ^{way} - The sick list has been handed you
by the Serg.^t - you prescribe for some and
write the word "duty" against the names of
others - or strike their names from the paper.
The paper is then sent back by one of the
sick for me to discover from these signs
& blotter characters what your directions
are. I have never seen your name
written by yourself but once. Even
your note of this morning which seems
to have been intended for something un-
common, is anonymous.

Yrs &c.

Dr. Blaise.

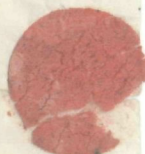
W. Scott
Capt. U.S.A.

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Dr. Bland

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