

You ask my opinion with regard to
Blake's Book. It is quickly told.
The book is thoroughly ex-parte! It re-
counts most of the letters, with few of the
worst features of the Command! It pictures
Morgan a hero in fact - & not of Romance!
It accords him all of noble & soldierly ele-
ments, & endows him with some of the faults
which were most glaring in his character as
an Officer! It makes DeWitt of nothing,
& makes nothing of Heres! It gives
credit to men for heroism who have been
little known save as Poltroons, and passes
unnoticed men who have been conspicuous for
their gallantry! Services of importance to
the Command are unnoticed, & those of insigni-
ficance magnified into importance! It is
incorrect in its details, & inferior in composition.
It is not a work of History! It is a work
of fiction! What do you think of it?
If I pass thro' your burg next week, I'll
telegraph you to meet me at the Cars.
Write me on receipt, & address 58 Green
St. Louisville. Love to Mrs & Miss Hines.
Regards to our comrades.
Your devoted friend,
Book Castleman.

I have written to Thompson about the Papers.

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"Refuge", Fayette Co. Ky.
Oct. 7th 1867.

My dear Cow.

Within an hour after writing
you a few days since, I received your
letter telling me that all prospect of
obtaining the Journal was at an end.
If I could command \$5,000.00 I should
propose to you to purchase a Steam-
press and start a Whig. I believe 'twould
do well, but can't just now entertain the
proposition. I am always open to such
proposals, & always ready to take hold of
any thing which promises to be a paying
enterprise. Ergo, you can investigate costs
& profits of such a scheme quietly & fully,
in all its details, & if 'twill suit you -
and 'twould be the best thing for you -
and if at the same time I can raise
the funds - and it is highly probable
I shall be able to do so - we can then
with your brains & my money engage