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mitted to make the following extract from a letter
from W. T. WITHERS, to his father, Wm. A. With-
ers, Esq., of Cynthiana. The letter is dated—

Camp near Monterey,
of the 19th Feb'y CAMP NEAR MONTEREY, }
January 12, 1847. }

Gen. Butler's division is left to guard the country
from Saltillo to Brazos. Our fate is sealed. The
campaign has been a fatal, though a bloodless one,
to the 2d Kentucky foot. Many a gallant spirit has
fallen a victim to the unwholesome clime, and many,
many more have returned to their homes with con-
stitutions impaired beyond the hope of recovery.
Our regiment has been slandered, and our officers
have been basely traduced, by men who dare not
endorse their miserable fabrications with their
names. Such has been the reward of men who have,
in many instances, made numerous sacrifices, in
order to sustain the honor of their country. Justice,
however, must and will be done them hereafter. No
volunteer regiment stands higher, in the estimation
of those who are acquainted with the true state of
things, than the 2d Kentucky; and I hesitate not to
say, that there are no better officers or more polished
gentlemen in the volunteer service, than Cols. Mc-
Kee and Clay. Our men are finely drilled, and under
as good, if not better discipline, than any volunteer
corps in the army.