

Cynthiana Apr 16th 1847

Sir

Permit me an entire stranger, but one under many obligations to your lamented son for his many acts of kindness and attention to my son a stranger boy, to him, who left school and volunteered. And under his immediate Command received that attention and kindness that has endeared him to me beyond any powers I have of description; to Condole with you on this melancholly bereavement, one unsurpassable in time, Although he fell covered with glory - it is hard for a father to give up such a son although his Country may demand the sacrifice,

My particular object in now obtaining on your sorrow is to enclose you an humble tribute to the Character of your son by one of his officers who has shed his blood on the same field of glory that your gallant son quitted up his life, and now mourned by me as lost forever, from the last accounts I have no hope that he is living, he fell in the last Charge of the gallant V^o Regt. West but fell I am informed doing his duty. He was acting on that memorable day as adjutant to the Regt.

So soon as he heard of the vile and unfounded imputation against the Character of the gallant Commanders of his Regt. wrote the ^{included} ~~above~~ and I immediately had it published as a tribute