

West Virginia
Wyoming County, May 22 / 63

Honorable
Gov. F. H. Peirpoint

Sir I recon you would like to know what the Wyoming Home Guards attached to the Militia is doing. Well we have quite a calm at this time in Wyoming thair is no Rebbles here at present thair was a Rebble Cook who had a Co me and my Co had a battle with them but nothing gained by either only we wounded some of his Co thay air all disbanded and has him forsome time and Cook has bin gone some whear its believed he has quit the service But we air watching for them to brak out thay air mostly county men and I cant git hold of them.

On the 29 day of March me and my company and a few of Capt Walkers Co had ingaigmet with a Co of the 36th who was commanded by Capt Lawson of Logan County we was out on a scout an thay had lernd the way we was travling and hid them selves till we got in 50 yards of them before I discovered them and tha open a terrible fir on us I ordered my men to fall back to whear I got a position by this time tha was in cloas persuit of us I ordered a fir on them we drive them back killing two an wounded 6 thay was 3 to our one but we whipt them and tha devided and mad attempt to flank us I ordered my Co to fall back and it was don in good order not a man killed or wounded in my Co the second Va Cavalry killed severil of them and took 70 som odd prisoners

We have don all we could and intends to fight on I am yours truly

R. M. Cook Capt

To Honorable
F. H. Peirpoint Govrn

Gov in the list of captions that wear to be paid of at Charleston I am not mentiond and conciquentle me nor my Co has got no pay I wish you would order us paid or let me know what is wanting on my part

I am your most obdient servant

R. M. Cook Capt

(This letter was copied verbatim)

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