cases if I could get the shells, when the river goes down some I think I shall be able to get some, We dont use the river water in our company — can get spring water by going about ½ mile after it. So we prefer to go after that far rather than use the river water but we dont carry it; some of the boys drove a poor worn out mule into camp some time ago we tied him up & took care of him used him to draw water with He is getting in quite good order, We found the fore wheels of an ambulance wagon & one of our Sargents put som thills on it & a good place for a barrel & now it is fun to go after water

Aunt Lucy wanted me to enquire about Mr porter, Well I had thought about him but thought he settled in the northern part of Tenn so I have never inquired about him This morning after I seed your letter some citizens came in to buy, buy some bacon & I inquired if he knew where such a man lived — he said he did — and could show me his house I had seen it often before but did not know or even think of its being his house, It is across the river on the top of a hill — about as far as we can see, He said a man by the name o Cassle lived there with him & I believe a man by that name came with him, Soon after I came here I heard some one telling that some Rich men lived up there on the hill — said they had a pleasant place there — that the ground was level & nice the other side of the mountain, Our band was invited out to tea to some of the citizens houses some time ago & I heard to day that was where they went, I dont know