

Richmond Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> 1866.  
Capt. Gougee

Dear Friend:

Your kind and welcome  
note of the 12<sup>th</sup> has come to hand,  
and I am glad to hear from  
you once more, but long to see  
that you have met with some  
bad luck, the more so as I  
am as yet unable to assist  
you, it would indeed be a  
great pleasure to me were I  
able to do so, but our Government  
somehow or another is acting  
very bad with me, I should  
have written to you sooner but  
as I have been looking for my  
pay all some I had ~~been~~

to be able to enclose the amount  
due you, but have thus far been  
disappointed, and have therefore  
nothing but what I earn with  
my hands, which is but a drop  
in the Ocean considering the  
dilapidated state I found things  
in at my arrival in the Spring.

I do not know whether you are  
aware of the manner my case had taken  
when I reached Raleigh after  
leaving you, and will therefore give  
you a short sketch of it,

on arriving at Raleigh I found  
my papers all returned from  
Washington for re-investigation,  
with a report of Judge Adonah  
Genl. Holt, who stated that  
he had been unable to find  
sufficient evidence to convict

me and came out on pretty  
strong terms on the Court  
for doing so, and recommended  
that I be reinstated and  
honorably discharged, (Maj. Smith  
was ordered by Genl. Roper to  
investigate the case which he  
did but was unable to find  
anything against me as  
the principal witnesses were  
out of the State, he told me on  
the evening before I started for  
home that I need not make any  
of the affidavits I had, as all  
was right and I would have  
my pay in a short time, and  
some time after he wrote to me  
that my papers had gone back to  
Washington all right, but then  
it ended, and I heard nothing

more about it until a short  
time ago when Genl John Meredith  
informed me that he tried to  
hunt up my papers while in  
Washington, but, that they could  
nowhere be found, it is a mystery  
to me when they can be, the ~~last~~ <sup>late</sup> ~~of~~  
War has removed the disability to  
reenter the U. S. Service which  
he says is aqivalent to an honorable  
Discharge, but nothing is mentioned  
about my pay, my Friends here intend  
to bring the matter before Congress,  
but I must close, Mrs. Schamun sends  
her regards to you and Mrs. G. and  
hoping to hear from you soon

I remain

Ever your Friend  
Lewis Schamun