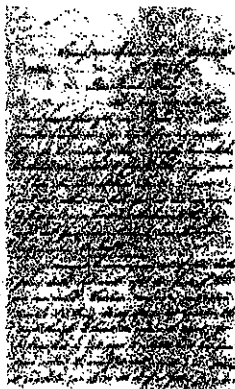


Burning of Columbia and the Boys took particular pains to Give her Hell...



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Autograph Letter Signed, Chas. Grundy 10th Illinois Infantry, Sp. Octavo, Camp Near Raleigh, North Carolina, April 26, 1865, and reads in part: ...I received the announcement of your bother Johns death, last monqth after the finale of the ever memorable Carolina campaign...I reached Pectaligo, S.C. on my return from furiough the latter part of Jan. and overtook the Regt. some 20 miles from tehra. I could see the routs the Army travelled by the smoke above the forests in the distance and which seemed to extend for many miles, and the nearer I approached the more dense and suffocating became the atmosphere all around, for we passed through burning forests & past burning cotton, cotton gins, etc, barns, outhouses, ralls, and in fact everything in the shape of wood which came in their path. ...We started to march the next day, and continued without intermission (save when the Rebs made a stand and checked us a day or two) until our arrival at Goldsboro, where we rested 17 days I think and then started full chisel for Johnsons clan....Sherman, Grant & Jo. Johnson somehow or ether cant come to terms in regard to the Surrender etc. and they have been at the business since our arrival at Raleigh on teh 14th inst. and since the Murder of LINCOLN they seem to be still further from the point than ever and to tell you the truth, Professor, I dont care if they come to terms in such a way that their entire concern may have to be swept off the face of the earth, as old Bragg said of Rosacrans Crush Them, pulverise them. Drive them into the Ohio River, etc. only in place of saying it and falling in it, I want to say it and do it....either give up the Union and disgrace the National flag at once; or Crush the Rebellion! tampering with them has pleyed out. Perentarily command them to surrender! and if they refuse to do so Let the dogs of war of the North go for them and show them no marchy, nor ask any; for as sure as we are now in teh field, its my opinion they of the South will always be hostile towards the North and if we dont have another war we shall be constandy annoyed by them in the way of moles, outbreaks and murmuring generally for the Southerners are proud people and their spirit is not broken, even tho they have been overpowered and so long as the present generation exists, just so long will there be an antagonistic feeling towards the North & its my opinion they will try and avenge this humiliation at some future day....I say after 4 years of hardships of war, and its many horrors we are about to wind up the affair in our favor which means the Death of Slavery and the Restoration of the Union...I would like to tell you about our Campaign thro all of S.C. and a portion of N.C....some things I saw done on that Campaign would have shocked a demon, and what mare the world will remain in ignorance of it, save such as the most important events, but the horrors, atrocities & crimes, I guess they will never be known save as the soldiers relate them to their friends...I would like to tell you of our fight at Saikaathic River where our Regt. lost some 40 men, but not a single man in Co. B was touched...Of the Burning of Columbia the proud capitol of the Palmetto State, that occurred on the night of Feb. 17th and of all nights that I may live through here after, or may have lived through in the past, I snall ever remember the night at Edisto and that at Columbia. I never could describe the scenes on faint night the light of the conflagration, the shrieking and weeping of women and wringing of hands, teh crakling of the flames which tore mercilessly through the doomed city sparing neither the abode of the poor or the magnificent dwellings of the rich, of the shouts and yells of the drunken soldiers, and the indiscriminate plundering and pillaging of houses and stores....It beat anything I ever saw since the War began. I saw it. I was in town all night until daylight in the morn. Just imagine a city of 16000 inhabitants on fire and the populace turned out of doors with jus such damage as they could carry off with them. I guess the entire city save a few houses in the suburbs was destroyed. But it was South Carolina and as the boys said they took particular pains to Give her hell and I am inclined to think that a good portion of the time, during Shermans riad, he was nearly as warm as the climate of that famous place is reported to be. Then came the Battle of Bentonville and I would like to know what Corps figured more conspicuously than the 17th in that particular spot. The 10th lost 53 men that day in about 15