Of this you take, Mr. B. and find
what he will charge to take my place of how long
he would come over, Bostwick and get them to
get some influential man or men to either offer
themselves or through Governor Blair to the War
department at Washington for my discharge with
or without a substitute. I can do nothing
here toward it, for a soldier is no more except
than a horse. Perhaps some better plan can be
adopted. Do not let it be known that I have
ever asked for anything of the Prime, but have
the thing done in behalf of the family at home
and friends concerned with it. Be sure you
keep every thing still.

Now Lewis is now in the Native Reserves and
says the way is bright.

My Dear, I must say that the way is not
so bright as I wish for. But I have a very
strong determination to keep on and gain the
prize. Pray for me that I succeed on, and
rise above the clouds of sin and vice that
surround me. My hope is strong that if I
could get home, I could take much
more comfort with my family than usual.