

Chimra May 1st 1865

Friend Kinsey

I rec^d your Letter all right along with the Box of magnificent Shells for which I am greatly obliged, I also have rec^d one Letter from you since, so I conclude I am in your debt and accordingly proceed to pay off some of my indebtedness. We are having and have had for the last Month very exciting Times here, the fall of Richmond, the surrender of Lee, and then the assassination of our beloved President has created excitement such as I never saw in my life before, and now comes an order to send away all enlisted Men and Prisoners of War from this Dept makes another excitement here, makes the \$800. Bounty Recruits feel good, and makes the Tax Payers of the Towns feel bad. I can assure you, an order was issued last Wednesday that all detached Men of the 161st was to be sent to their Regiment on Saturday but when Saturday came the Order was countermanded, and none of them are to go, as the War is virtually ended, and it would be only expense to the Government to send them down to you and have them come right back again. I tell you some of them felt very fine on Saturday Night.

Now I want you to do I write any more. I suppose you will know some little time before you leave and which way you will come either by New York or by Cairo, now which I will meet you either in New York or in Dunkirk, or this you must remember, I am in hopes it will be by New York. I wrote you last week we have had quite a breeze in Albany about your Commission, I wrote a letter to senator Angell of Allegany, a great friend of Mr. States and signed Mr. States name to it, and that brought Mr. Angell and Mr. Post our Representatives to the Executive House, and got Capt Dumas there, and we made a thorough explanation of the whole matter to them, and they went to Albany, and Capt Dumas went to Albany, and it seems that Senator Hoyt brother of Capt Hoyt (Capt's son) and a Mr. Brown, was great friends of the Harrower family, and they got very mad at Senator Angell interfering in their district but Angell told them he would interfere wherever injustice has been done, and finally it came to the ears of a Mr. Fenlon and he demanded some explanation, but whether they have been made or not I can not find out, but when Mr. Post comes home I will know. Since I wrote you we have the news of the death of Col. Gregg before Peter's burial, but it came out he was wounded at the

will keep in good health for the short time of service
you have to stay; I suppose you have heard nothing of
Lieut Fitch, in any of the exchanges that have been made
if you had I supposed we should have heard here by
this time. In coming home if you can not write me in time
you Telegaph me the first opportunity you can for I
would like to meet you and come part of the way with
you for I am anxious to see you again as anxious as
you are to get Home again. I presume you hear from
Capt Sumars and he keeps you posted on some things
better than I can, for I am a very poor Correspondent
and I dread writing a letter but I thought this Morning
I would sit down and try to get partly out of my
debt to you in corresponding. Col Slater has taken the old
Haighs Hotel, and he is fitting it up beautifully you will
not know the House at all when you get back here, he
has changed the name to the Hathaway House in respect
to Col Hathaway the Col who went out in the 141st who
died last Summer, he is refurnishing it from Top to Bottom
Painting, Papering, and cleaning it entirely which it has
needed for a great many Years, and I think it will be the
Model House of Western New York. Mr Slater wanted me to
say one thing particular to you, when you come Home trade
2 of your Horses for a pair of good large Mules and bring