Transcribed by Terry Crooks.

The original letter is in the Porter Family Papers, Department of Rare Books and Special Collections, University of Rochester Libraries.

Seminary Hospital Georgetown Oct 20th [63]

Dear Mother¹

I have gone so far with a most miserable pen but will go no further (with a pen I mean. I reached this Hospital this morning after a pleasant stay of four or five days at Fairfax Seminary. That is a very pleasantly situated hospital and a very finely conducted one but so dull. A Rochester man was in charge of the part of the building where I stayed & treated me very kindly. His name is Peer². He married some relation of Mrs. Rejaols. My wound is doing well & my health is good. As yet I have received no letters from home but shall begin to expect them very soon. I have nothing to say and merely wrote this line to assure you of my well doing. I received a letter from H. Jennings who promises to call on me.³

Sam.

Notes:

H. Jennings could be John H. Jennings, Sgt. Of Co. D, 108th NY.

¹ The bold type represents the part written in ink before he switches to pencil. The hospital at Georgetown D.C. was for officers.

²Dr. G.W. Peer was the Acting Assistant Surgeon at Fairfax Sem. Hosp.

³Mrs. Rejoals (sp??) could not be found.