

“Camp Grover” Febry 20th 1863

Dear Nettie,

Your letter of Jan'y 30th together with Pa's came to hand this morning. I am sorry to hear that you have not heard from us in so long, and shall try to write oftener, although I would sooner drill all day than write one letter, for as you know of old when Harry [Tiemann] was in Germany (or properly speaking, Germany on der Rhein) I used to write once a year!! And even that was something extraordinary.

As you will see by my letter to Pa there is no news to relate.

I was glad to receive your “green back,” but it came a little too late for we were paid off on the 18th. I remember the kind spirit in which it was sent and remain duly grateful.

Harry is now on the Staff, and glad am I that it is so, for I am sure if he had not got that position he would have gone home.

I hear that Will Tackaberry has gone to the war again. How true it is I do not know, but am of the opinion it was the best thing he could do.

I just asked our Adjutant if he thought there was any improvement in my Phiz [physique] and he said “Yes, decidedly.” So you see I have made something by enlisting last time. I weighed myself. I only weighed 181 lbs. When I left N.Y. it was 156 lbs. so I rather think the climate agrees with me. Thank God, I have no occasion to use Dr. Wilson's or any other Dr's medicine. I have enjoyed extremely good health and hope through a kind Providence still to do so. They do not seem to be in a hurry to let us get in a fight, so I do not anticipate much danger on that score.

I shall never forget how Edward [Leslie Molineux] worked for both Harry and myself, particularly for Harry. When Harry sent in his resignation Edward talked to him and fairly begged him to withdraw it, but it was of no use and then when the opportunity came for Harry to get a position on the staff, Edward used his utmost endeavor to have it withdrawn (for it was accepted) and finally succeeded. For some days he (Ed) was very much cast down, but as soon as the business was finished he appeared a different sort of person. Harry, I think, can never sufficiently repay him for all his kindness. He has indeed proved himself a true friend to our family and I for one shall hold in lifelong remembrance his friendship.

I will try to make my next letter more interesting but for the present this must do.

With love I remain Yours Affectionately

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