Camp Curtin Sept 14, 1862
Dear Jane

We arrived at this place the next morning after we left Pittsburgh, about sunrise, and have been here ever since. I would have written to you sooner, but expected to leave soon, and then I could have directed you where you could write to me. I can't tell you yet when we go or where to. One of the officers told me that we could not leave for our regiment until the present prospect of the invasion of Pennsylvania was over. It may be, but I hardly think it possible that the government will act in so bad faith with us.

We received our uniforms the next day after we arrived, and you would hardly know one of us now. Our clothes did not fit us exactly, and we had several good laughs at one another's, and a good many trades were made to get better fit. I got a coat that would have fitted Mr. Bovards splendidly, but I could hardly expect to grow up to it on camp fares. On Saturday, however I was on guard and the second time I was posted at the door of the commissary department and while there got in pretty good terms with the clerks. One of them was from Williamsburg and on inquiring from him about Rev. Mr. Gibson found he had been one of his members, and he was glad to hear that I liked and was acquainted with him too. He hunted up a coat for me that is a very good fit and swopped for my big one; and the quality of my new one was a good deal better too. He gave me the best. I took nothing but my coat, pants and cap. I will have plenty to carry of what I took along from Pittsburgh. We will be put on guard every third day while we are here. Willie & Henderson George are on at the same time. They go on at 8 o'clock in the morning and are on duty till the same time the next day. During this time we are stationed at a post which we must not leave for two hours, but the next four hours we are free and only remain at the guard house till our time comes again, so that we are only really on forty eight hours out of the twenty four. We went on at eight on Saturday morning and got off at ten, then again at two in the afternoon, then at eight in the evening and off at ten at night. When we got off we declined sleeping in the guard house as it is a very lousy place, so Willie, Henderson and I spread our blankets on a long log out of doors and slept there till we were called at two in the morning. After we got off that we slept no more as it was near day. While parading on a post one has plenty of time to think, and in such a place and under such circumstances the easiest thing to think of is home, and of there I thought most. It was not that I regretted leaving it so much as that affairs had
called me and others to leave it. You need not have any apprehension that I have any dislike to things here, or anything to worry me if I could only feel satisfied that you were contented at home. I am as well as when I left and do not see any reason to think I will not get along here for a good while yet. All the rest of us are well. They keep this place cleaner now than before. There are only 300 men here now. I will write to you as soon as I know where to tell you to direct to. The weather has been fine until today, when it commenced to drizzle. There is no preaching, so Willie and I have gone out to a quiet place to write a few lines.

Yours affectionately,

William