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My dear Jane

After another long interval I am permitted to write to you once more. I shall not tire you with an account of our journey across the mountains from Tennessee to this place. We arrived here on Sabbath morning and are quartered in one of the market houses on Sixth St. The change from our previous cold quarters and scanty fare is quite an agreeable one; the weather too is mild and Springlike, so much so that I have not worn an overcoat since coming here.

I should have written you sooner, but have been hourly [in] expectation of going on. Numerous and unforeseen difficulties have occurred to keep us here this long. They were all in regard to Enlistment and muster rolls etc which had to be revised and made out again. I have been kept constantly engaged in assisting to get them finished so that we might get off as quickly as possible. We had just finished the last ones and expected to be paid to day, but new difficulties spring up at every step. The last one is in regard to such men as came with me last year. It is contended by the paymaster that we cannot re-enlist and he will not pay us. New rolls must be made out, before the other men can get their pay. If the paymaster is sustained in this view, we will probably be ordered back to Tennessee with the balance of the regiment that refused to re-enlist. This may be the end of it, but no matter how it turns out, I am determined to go home, and will manage it somehow, even if I have to procure citizens clothes again, which I can do at Thos Nicholsons. Col. Leasure is on my side and is trying to have the rolls remain as they are.

If we get paid tomorrow we will probably get off by Sabbath. We will then have to remain at Pittsburg till Tuesday or Wednesday, and then the regiment will all start for New Castle.

I do not know whether you are in Pittsburg or not, and send this letter there to be sent on to N. Liberty to you in case you are still at home. At the farthest I think I will be home in a week anyhow. I do not feel any apprehension about missing getting home. We are to get home for thirty days at least, and perhaps more.

I have a great deal to write and say, but have no time to do it, but must wait till I see you.

With much love darling I am

Your affectionately  
William