

Officers Hospital
Annapolis, Md.
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My dear Jane,

I had some hope for a little while yesterday that I would get home again. However it turned out that the order that came applied only to the enlisted men and not to the officers here. All the Pennsylvania soldiers in these hospitals that are able to travel are to receive a furlough of twenty days, so that they may be home at the election. This will take our nurse away. In consequence of the scarcity of nurses they are to day crowding all the rooms to their utmost so as to do with fewer nurses.

Just after I wrote last to you Chaplain Dickson's discharge came and he left the same day. Yesterday the other chaplain received his, and he is gone too. There are three officers now in my room. Two from Ohio and one from New York.

I received a letter from Johnny with all the news from City Point. To save the trouble of repeating it I enclose you the letter itself.

I also enclose \$10. Your letter of Sunday has not come yet. I wonder why it takes so long between here & Liberty.

Very affectionately

Yours William