

Officers Hospital
Annapolis, Md.
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My dear Jane,

I wrote you a note this morning, letting you know that I expected to be off from here shortly. Since then I have learned nothing farther on that subject but have received your letter of 24th to which I hasten to reply while I am still here and have time.

It would be well enough to buy Uncle Williams cart, but I would not be bothered with his old horses.

I am sorry you are going to loose Clara, but it can't be helped. Your mother lost you the same way.

You ask quite a catechism of questions about myself to come home from here. Perhaps I can from the regiment.

I will tell you the cause of the dysentery continuing so long some other time. I have not a great deal of pain. I do not feel any stronger, but on the contrary much weaker. My appetite has failed. We get almost everything to eat here and plenty of it. Dr. Livingston is right in his prediction partly. I think however, he will miss it in my case.

I have paid my board up till to day \$28 and have \$30 left. That will do me till I get paid again.

I heard from Phila last week. George sent a note inside of a newspaper stating that all were well & that he was just starting for Erie and would be there a week or two. I also had a letter from Willie. In it he says that he had a letter from Bessie, stating that all were well there, and that she would soon be starting for home.

You may notice by my writing that I am getting nervous. I can't help it, but it is only temporary.

My head is clear and as far as my health is concerned you need not be at all uneasy, for as they say of Grant, I hold the key of the situation. I will give you a fuller explanation when I leave here.

Till then darling I am

Yours affectionately

William