

Mansion House No. Apr. 14th 1862 Monday

My Dear Sister - If I had time I would write you a letter instead of this line, but tis near bed time and so I will only write this. I am still at Alexandria tho. They took my name with others (Geo Bates among them) three or 4 days ago to go to Washington & I expected we should go before this time, and write you as soon as my name was taken, nor to write me again here, but we have now stayed as long there is no knowing anything about it. Possibly we may stay a week longer, perhaps go tomorrow, know nothing about it, as soon as we do go you shall be informed. I have had no fever & ague since day before yesterday, to day is the day the Dr. thinks I would have it again, but I have not felt it at all. - Hatch went down the river to day with others who were well enough to join their Regts. - I hope we may go to Washington or somewhere from here soon, I am now ready to try another hospital. - I shall probably be here to get the letter you write one Sunday, as you say you always write me on that day. You will not probably answer this & the last one or two before it, until you hear when to direct as we may leave this place any day now. As long as we stay here you shall hear from me as often as every other day, & when we go to another place I will write you immediately. Walker will start home the last of this or the first of next week. -