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Dear Maria

The two last letters I wrote you I was in a great hurry and now although not hard pressed, there are very few moments something coming up for my attendance. I got a letter from you last evg also one from Lottie and he has decided to come when Maj Parois does but I presume it will be some time yet before that as Regt in the Army of the Potomac has got to be filled before our turn will come and there will have to be another draft I think to fill them all up say nothing about ours, I shall be pleased to see Jim and can find plenty for him to do here. How appear to think I am all pep and feathers here. If you could see me in my plane letter you would be much astonished I presume and as to riding on my noble steed, I have not been on his back for nearly a week and the greatest reason is that the weather is so very warm that I keep as still as possible and move about only when occasion requires. "Frank" is a dark bay nag and when my dark brown cartney is on him they both present a grand appearance. I shall take them both home with me and hope you will be benefited by their presence. I am going to have their photograph taken