

Camp Butler, Newport News, Va.
Thursday, June 27th 1861

My Dear Wife:

Your welcome letter of Sunday and Monday June 23rd & 24th was received last night. I also received a copy of the Tribune from Mr. Strickland - Capt. Andrews got a Missouri paper from Mr. S. also - Some of us get the Aurora and Telegraph every week within a few days after they are printed and I tell you they look good to us - I have seen a copy of the Aurora with my letter in it. I find I did not write very full and I have written Mr. McCulloch another letter explaining some matters. He will probably get it in season & publish next week - I was glad to see the extracts in the Telegraph. I would write more for Chamberlain but at first I supposed Taylor would write and since then I have had all I could do to write the letters that I have felt to be necessary -

I wish you would write me whether the Commissioners had a sitting on father's estate at my office May 25th If they did please write me what was done. I shall write to Judge Stubbins soon in regard to the next session July 25th. If we are to be discharged before that time all well, if not then I shall try & get the time extended a month -

I never gave Barker any leave to cut the hay at halves. He only took the garden - If uncle David Pixby can cut the hay and Henry & Brekin get it in or