

Camp Butler, Newport News, Va.

Sunday Morning July, 21st 1861.

My dear wife:

Your welcome letter written Wednesday evening & giving me the news of my nomination was received last night. It makes me worry to leave you there alone - I wish you would get some good girl or your nurse to be with you all the time now even if you do have to pay wages. I feel a great deal of anxiety about you, and I want to feel that you have all the care you can under the circumstances.

I was glad to hear of my nomination for it gives me a chance to live well if times are hard as the State of Vermont will be able to pay her debts. But I suppose I could get a situation in the army that would pay three times the amount if I should desire it. I had a letter from Laura also last night & she speaks very much more encouragingly of her case. There is some hope of their getting better -

Last night we got orders to be ready to leave here in three days, whether towards home or not we don't know. I don't think we shall start for home before the 1st of Aug.

Blockley starts this morning and will see you