

Camp Vermont,
Near Hunting Creek, Va
Nov. 20th 1862

Dear Laura:

Thursday.

Your letter dated the 12th and 17th inst, was duly rec'd. - I had been expecting it for some time. - I am glad to hear ~~from~~ that you are improving so fast, & hope soon to hear that you are quite well. - You must be very careful about your eating. - There is much more danger from over eating than from taking cold. - Your appetite at such a time needs watching as every one does. - Be careful in that respect.

Give my love to Aunt Mary & tell her that I have by no means forgotten her. - If I have not mentioned her in any of my letters it is because they are all written in haste & I omit to say many things that I intend to say.

I should enjoy some of her pumpkin pie, now especially. - We live very well here, but after all a few luxuries from home would be very acceptable. - We are very far from suffering for want of food, still our table is not a New England one. - I came from Washington this noon I went over Tuesday night on business, on about ten minutes notice. - It was raining then & has rained ever since. - I rode down to the