

Camp near Hagerstown  
Md.

Oct, the 30. 1861

Dear Father

I now take my pen  
in hand to write a few lines to  
you I am well and hope that you  
are the same I never was in better  
spirits I am now the Grand Quartermaster  
of the Potomac Regt at last now  
I think that there will be a very hard  
fight at or near Gordonsville I think  
that there will be a very hard battle  
I think that the whole Potomac Army  
will cross the Potomac into Va and then  
look out General Franklin is not  
winded his head quarters yet but expects  
to move soon I was in hope that we want  
to go to go into Va this fall and winter  
for I have got sick of the District of  
Va I have some talk of enlisting  
into the Regular Cavalry I dont like my  
lot not one night since the promotion