

Wednesday Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 1864

My dear son

To night I  
am able to give you a  
little encouragement —

Cooper's "Good Luck" have  
arrived at last and  
this afternoon I went  
up and was examined  
by Dr Hollman and  
he told me he would  
sign my paper, which  
makes it sure — I shall  
probably get it tomorrow  
some time then I shall  
have to use up the next  
day in disposing of my  
Horses (for I cannot get  
them home) and shall  
probably get to Washington  
on Sunday, then it will