

Letter No. 15

Dec. 18th ¹⁸⁶³ Beane's Station, Va.

Parents & Brothers; I take

my pen once more to inform you of my
safety from all accidents belonging
to war. I rec'd your letter No. 15 the
10th my health is still good but I am not
so tough as before I was sick. I feel
pretty well & my appetite is good
& I gain in flesh, but I lack of
strength I can't run fast nor jump
like any for I am so clumsy that
I fall down if I undertake it,
you wished to know what I should
say to a discharge, that is something
that I did not ^{think} expect to getting this
winter, but of course I should take
one if I could get it, I don't much
think I could get a discharge un-
less I bought one, I don't allow
myself to promise ^{get} ever & never have
been except when I was sick. I will live out