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Camp Walker near Manassas Augt 30

Brother Gill

As I have just got well enough of the measles to wash my hands I have had good time of it for the last five days Bernie has had them and some thirty of the boys besides. The camp was in a stir last evening we received orders to to distribute forty rounds of cartridges and cooked rations for three days to march at any hour. I expect it was to go to Fall Church or to move into Maryland by way way of Leesburgh. There has been very hard skirmishing at Leesburgh and at Fall Church they have had a small battle the whole of General Johnsons division is on the move Gill you ought to be here to see fine horses Maj McIntosh has a fine one so has Mrs Lamar she has the finest pony horse I ever saw in my life he is about the size of Bessie she only gave one hundred dollars for him Gill I want you to go over to my house ^{now} and take a general look around and write all looks especially the stock and the two hammocks and also if Mr Ables has built his house yet if he has not done so I want him

to build it on the opposite side of the road
to the one that my house is on, on the hill
opposite the stables do take the long gills in
the yard for the gills tell him (Ally) to build
a house like the one Jack Andrews lives in at Gran
mar, there is boards enough to cover it all ready
tell Mr. Wables to kill all of them d-r goats if
they pester him. The drum is beating at this
time for a review of Genl Tooms brigade which
is to take place in a half hour - I received a
letter from Mar the other day in which she
said that sister Mollie is very sick I am in
hopes that she will be in a day or two

George Furman has been put in the general
guard tent at Manassas (by Capt Cunningham) for
fifteen days on bread and water but he will
be released in a day or two. I think

You must excuse this short letter and bad
spelling I have set up so long it ^{made me} quite weak
we will all be well in a few days

Give my love to all of the family
write soon

Your brother
Drew