



UNITED STATES CAPITOL.

12th Regiment Rhode Island Volunteers, Col. Brown,

COMPANY W
Washington, D. C., Va.

1862

Mr William Winsor Esqr Sirs.
Take my Pen in my hand for
to inform you that I am in the
land of Dixie we landed in
Washington D. C. we got to Washington
Saturday 27 about 1.0 clock in the
Morning got Breakfast then we started
for Camp Chose and we stade
there until Sunday the 2 Day of
Nov there we started for Fairfax
^{Symane} ~~Court House~~ But o God if you
could see this Part of the land ~~we~~

Every thing is laid waste here the
land here where there was a forest
now there is Stumps from 3 to 5 feet high
if you hold your hand over it you will
not be sorry for it. I will say to
you this when I get my Pay that is
a Check for to draw the money on
I shall send it to you they say
~~that~~ are good on every bank
in the State. I want you to draw the
Money on this and take out your Pay
and give the rest to George C. Cowell
and you will oblige me very much.
We landed here at 3 o'clock in the
afternoon Pitch our tents and at
Sundown we got orders for march.
First day at 8 o'clock
after you get through with this
business you can write to me
Want you to I have seen Genl
Brown he took S. Morris now. S. D
wife I am not use to writing letters
that you will see at a glance
We lost one man on our way out here

His Name was Ed Wilber he
got Back of the Cars they sent
him back home our boys is all
well but a little cold mere nothing
they all like well here the country is
desolate, now the 3 we send out Pickets
for the 1st time to day the hole comp
say B. May go some, 6 or 8 miles

When you write Direct your
letter Washington D. C. Va to the
12. R. I. Ridgmont Comp'th.

No more at this
present time your
friend and well Mowrey Colwell
Wiser

We are now in site of the
Potomac

Dec 28th 1896

Mr. Colwell is now living on
a farm in the town of Smithfield R. I.

W. H. Dimmick
Stillwater R. I.

The Winsor Fin
I dont want
you to do this
Without you
Buy for me
Same