

Stanford Dec. 20. 1763.

Dear Sarah.

I am greatly exercised about you. I hoped before this to have had explicit directions from Ellis to both as to the place of rendezvous in N. E. and the exact day when I must meet the Quarter-master. I hoped too that he would tell me that your brother had sent you a brief letter came from him last night full of anticipations of my coming, but indicating that he was waiting for me to say whether I would go or not. I wrote him the night I wrote you telling him that I should go by all means, and asking if you were not going too. but by the time an answer could come to that I shall be in N. York. and it will be too late for it to do me any good. Considering that N. E. was quite a city and my instructions rather indefinite. I wrote tonight to Quarter-master (I should tell you that I shd go to N. E. that last of this week and a letter or telegram directed to care of Samuel Miller Jr. No 11 Dutch St. appointing him the place of meeting and reach me without delay.

The letter may not reach him I directed at a venture to St. Lithfield Quarter-master 20th Me. St. Rockland Maine. --- Ellis says "You must be careful to have a pair of stout boots & warm clothing. A stout valise is as much baggage as Quarter-master Lithfield could conveniently transport if he shd. ever take to escort you. --- I can



think of no other reason why he did not himself speak of your coming out. Since he has known that I expected you to go when I did, except that he did not feel at liberty to ask one of his men then to take care of one with his chattels. But more probably he was wholly taken up with the idea of my coming and thought of nothing else.

I do not know whether there are any regulations in regard to the amount of baggage or number of women an officer can take back or not. I want you to go very much. Can't you telegraph the man and find out whether he can take you. You have the advantage over me of being on the line. I hope you may have had a letter from Louie before this arranging matters for you.

It is perplexing that I am so far back on the mountains that it takes so long to get letters to and from any body. I don't

know as I can further enlighten you. but I shall be greatly disappointed if you can't go.

There are other officers at home on leave & I don't think Louie would easily be able to arrange it with some one to furnish

escort for you. I think I shall leave home Friday this week. Goodby. my dear

Elsie Speer