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Head Quarters 1st Div. 5th Corps June 6 1865

My dear Sae,

It is a long time since I have written. I doubt however, if I have had the pleasure of a letter direct from you since my last. You doubtless know very well that we are now reducing the army as fast as possible. What will happen next we do not know. I suppose the rest will be ordered into the interior of the Rebel states somewhere. My own affairs are in an exceedingly uncertain state. But I am by no means disturbed about them. I have plenty of "strings to my bow." Or in better words, Providence will both open & guide my way.

You see I was right in sticking to the army to the last. I have now been recommended by all my superior officers for the rank of full Major General besides the Brevet recommended at Five Forks. Whether I shall get the full appointment, I don't know. Anybody else would if he had half the record or the recommendations I have. But the political gentleman of Maine have not particularly interested themselves in me. It is only those who know me & have seen me in the field who take much notice of me. I can afford to be let alone however. It makes me perfectly independent. I am not much beholden to the State of Maine. I am far better known in New York or Pennsylvania than in my own state. Do you think I say this complainingly. I am not obliged to complain. My position is all I could ask – all I coveted – the command of 12,000 men whose record as soldiers never was surpassed. Of course I shall soon be reassigned. Where, I don't know. If I don't like it, I shall resign.

My wounds trouble me still. I tried to ride into Washington to night in my wagon & had to give it up. The saddle does not trouble me so much. I am in good spirits though, and ready to do anything I am called on for.

Tom – the major – is well & doing well. He is in luck too. By special order of Gen. Meade he is retained in the service. He is now the senior captain of the new 20th Maine. Father & Mother I hope are well. They need not have a particle of anxiety about any of us now. John has his place I suppose, as he sent me a surety bond for \$3000 to sign for him as Inspector LC. As for my own home I shall have to refer you to your own latest intelligence. I am not formed in that particular.

Dr. Adams has made me a visit. While he was here, Dr. Talcott dined with me. I enjoyed seeing them very much.

How is Mary nowadays? I have not had any answer to my last letter to her. And how is Uncle Horace? Don't let Mother get low. I could not bear it to lose Father or Mother any more than if I were a boy of 10.

With a world of love

Your Lawrence