

We are a going this after noon  
I will wait as soon as I  
get to a stopping place

good day

W. May

Fort Wood June 26<sup>th</sup> 1863

Dear Mother

I recd your letter and  
that paper day before yesterday  
I was surprised to see Westons  
knowledge in it. But that is  
all right enough (Only think of  
the Sundry little papers) that is what  
the matter. Well ma, I am well,  
not as well as usual (But well  
I expect to go to Washington as  
Alexandria this week or next  
there is a 13 going from here &  
I expect to go too. I have staid  
here here long enough I have  
been here 3 weeks. that is as  
long as I can stay in any  
place. I am in hopes I shall  
get to the Regt. again soon  
for some reason or other I cant



get a Discription list & dont  
know what the reason is unless  
the Company think I am dead  
or something it has been sent  
has several times but dont come  
yet & if I get back there I shall  
find out what the reason is  
When I get to Washington I shall  
be examined & I hope they wont  
put me into that old best  
Corps for I had rather be a ~~Private~~  
Whore ~~or~~ Soldier or non  
But I cant help my self if they  
are a mind to do it

Well Ma. there is no news  
to writ as I can think of now  
But when I get to Washington or  
Alexandria there will be something  
new & I will writ after for  
I know that you are anxious to  
hear from me. But dont  
Morry & cause your self  
any uneasiness about me

for the same hand that has  
led me through so many dangers  
is still leading me on, and as  
long as I look ~~to~~ to that hand  
for help I have nothing to  
fear and will be just as safe  
on the Field of Battle as I am  
on Bedlars Island or any other  
place Well Ma. I should like  
to be at home the 4<sup>th</sup> of Oct I  
cant so what is the use of wishing  
any thing about it if Liberty  
Field and I mean an Whig St.  
the ~~4<sup>th</sup>~~ 4<sup>th</sup> of Oct but you would  
burn some powder What do  
you think? Well I want with  
any more more But will  
writ again in a few days

{ till some there is an awful  
deep ~~dark~~ ~~fur~~ and great  
big fish in it, and I saw  
a whapping great rat last  
night A. Gray A. Gray }