

So you may write me a
letter as soon as you get
this & tell me all that is
going on in Gt. Valley

I expect Charley Field has had
a chance to see a little fight
by this time

Old fighting Joe Hooker
will show the rebs a trick this
summer. if old Abe gives him
what he needs & the abolitionist
dont get jellous of him & try to
scat him out.

As they did little ^{me}

P.S. Tell Mathis if she sends me any
more shugas to do it up in the
freeman or some other paper. for it
turns black afters it has been in
the Tribune a little while

from A. Jay

16th & Tellerst
Philada. May 3^d '68
Dear Father

I thinking that
you would be anxious to hear
from me take this opportunity
to write you a few lines to let
you know where I am & what
I am doing. I went out to
N.Y. yet as you will perceive
they sent a squad the day afters
I came here but they didnt
have transportation enough
to send all that wanted to go
so I shall have to wait untill
they send on other squad & I
cant tell when that will be I
have been mustered here for pay
& send the pay roll yesterday

& they say we shall be paid
this week I am glad of it for
I have got out of money &
want some bad. I shall get
6 months pay I expect & I shall
send home the most of it
you can pay it in towards the
place if you think that is best
I dont think I shall want it this
summer for there is no certainty
of me gaining home this
summer. unless I go to D. P.
& through the influence of
some big Batt. man work
out a discharge that is the
only way I can see now
for they have got so partic-
ular now about discharging
men. I am not able to do
duty in the field & there
is no certainty that I ever
shall be I dont hear any
kept on my shoulder yet

of any amount it would be
unless for me to try to carry
an knapsack. But they will
be likely to keep me on
some light work ⁱⁿ around
the hospital & I had rather
be with the Regt. than
to do any such thing I have
got so that I had rather fight
than work. I would rather go
to the Regt. now than go to
N. Y. if I thought there was
no prospects of getting a Disch-
arge I should like to hear from
you to know how you are getting
along I havent had but one
letter in a long time I guess I
will go up to Nicotaman to day
day & see if there is any
there for me. If any of you
have any inclinations to write to
me you direct your letters here
& if I go away before they get here
the word masters will send them to me