

Camp Parole Annapolis MD  
June 21st [1863]

Dear Parents

Yours of the 24th Inst is at hand. It is the first from you since May 29th. The long suspense had made me quite anxious indeed to hear from you. I am now enjoying tolerable good health. Am in pretty good working order. Do some pretty good days work. Its the best medicine I can take. The best remedy I can think of to cure my ills. I have just come from the dinner table & have but a few minutes to write. I am troubled some considerable with the Toothache. Keeps me awake nights. Have you rec'd that 5 dollars I sent you. I am glad Alice is getting along so well. It would be a joy indeed to hear from her. Mother I am so glad that your health is improving. Try & keep it so. I am glad that you Father like farming so well. I hope you will have good health & take a great deal of comfort. I would like very well to come home & help you carry on the farm. I think I could enjoy myself first rate. I think I should know how to appreciate such a home. But as that cant be at present I make myself quite contented where I am. We are detailed here for policeing. That is cleaning up the camp moving tents &c & have plenty of it to do. We may stay here quite a while a year or Two perhaps, & then we may not stay a week. We have plenty of *[the rest of the letter is missing]*

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