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Quartermaster General's Office,

Washington, D. C., Aug 11th 1865.

My Dear Pension

According to promise I will
write "a bit" and let my friend Alfred W.
know where, and how I am getting on at
the Metropolis. Well very well so far
~~very~~ good, but I am not in the Adj. Gen's
Office as I supposed when I left Randolph
as you will perceive by the heading of this
letter. Since I came here it has got
into my head in a roundabout way that
Washington is a fast del place to live, especially
for country ^{with} people generally, who
have never been ^{in the} army, but I guess that
there are none who ever belonged to the 134
Regt, Vols "Veterans truly all of them" that would
be injured by Washington society. Almost every
day I meet some one of my old friends from the
Army, for it ^{is} seems that all ^{offices} ~~are~~ not as lush
as those belonging to our Regt, as the office
is crowded every day with them, trying to
settle their accounts with the Govt.

I wrote a letter to Gurnsey & Lane, the other day but have not received an answer from them yet. I learn by a letter from home that the pictures have arrived all right, and are nice. I have received a letter from Herb G. Warner wishing me to furnish him with the address of the officers of the Regt. I have complied with his request as far as possible.

I suppose if ever you went to Rock-City, accompanied by "Chief of the Sale" I hope you had a fine time and drank Gallagher's wine all up, for he ought not to have a larger amount on hand of himself for fear that she might get drunk, and then what a loss to the Country and the Law. Besides I wish you to send me your photographs when you write and also please keep me well informed as to how things go at home. I will not write now at present but wish you to remain pure, and free from sin, as you always were in the army. Oh! Beware do not suffer your virginity to be taken away from you unless through the proper channels.

With the deepest regards

Capt. A. W. Benson

Cornstown, N.Y.

Direct to 2^d Division Dr. Mr. Guley's Office
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I remain yours always

Wm. Guley