

Washington, D.C.
May 21, 1863

Dear Brother

I received your letter by the hand of Charley he come here Sunday I got the rose and all the things you send me the weather here is very warm and has been for the last week we have the largest snow ball bush here in the Park I ever seen its 15 ft high or more and 20 ft wide and is as full as it can stick the men commenced to mow the yard this morning again this is the second time it has been cut this spring they are going to fix up for the first Saturday in June the Marine Band meets here for to play on and after the first Sat. in June they meet here, then all the folks can come in as they used to I got a letter from George yesterday he said Granny was sick or had a bad turn. John Hannak and Billy Hallowday was here they come Tuesday John Hannak slept with me last night they left this morning they are camped at Fairfax Court House I told you in the last about the niggers that they were to meet at the White House that was it was a false report it was nt so. That night the 7 Penn Artillery Band come to the Presidents House there was 18 tanner drums 1 bass one fifer they all had double breasted coats on every one struck at a time they played first rate most all of them were small boys some not as big as George our quarter master sargeat is Capt. of a Niger Co. hes co. just now marched up the avenue yesterday while down in the city I seen a rope walker he walked from the ground to the top varieties a three story theatre building and down again nothing else of importance so I must come to a close by bidding you good by.

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Dear Brother

I received your letter yesterday and was glad to hear that you were still a cub I expected to hear you boss long before this you must of seen a big thing down to Oil creek that fire was worth seeing John Han was here yesterday he stayed here in my tent last night he is so big as I am if not bigger he left this morn for his camp which is fifteen miles from here at fair fax old fay was just in camp I am well at present all they rest of the boys the same that is all for the present.

Willard A. Cutter

Friday May 22, 1863

Last night a yound lad come by here he had been taken prisoner and was parolled hes a reb he was tight last night an done a big talking of what he had done had him come in an gave him his supper he stayed over night in the orderlys tent this morn he is running around playing he may stay here as a drummer he has no father or mother.