

Washington D.C. Feb 23rd/65

Dear, Brother

I received your letter of Feb 12th and was glad to hear from you the one fifty come in good time I think we will get Paid off before long for the Pay Masters are paying off the Army and as soon as they get through with the Army I think we will be Paid off I am well as usual and hope these few lines will find you the same. The Weather is none the best it rained slightly last night and still keeps right on raining it has taken off what little snow there was here and the frost has come out of the ground and now we have plenty of mud

'You want to know if I heard
of the Meadville Bank getting
robbed It was robbed at five
oclock in the evening and I heard
of it the next morning at seven.
last Tuesday there was one hundred
guns fired for the capture
of Charleston yesterday there was
a national salute fired at twelve
from all the forts and last night
all the Government Buildings
were illuminated the ^{stament} Parade
was the nicest fixed of any I saw
the Portico Posts were trimmed off
with flags of every corps and
red and blue lights and over
them was in large letters Union
and on each side Sumter 1861
and Sumter 1865 that was on the
north side on the west side
Charleston was at the head of the
list the all the victory's that we
have won since she was begun

one Building I counted how many
lights there was It is the Prinders
Building there was 36 windows with
24 lights in each except one and
that one 48 = 848 lights in the front
of the building the Capitol was lit
up, and white House to boot If
they are going to put down a
well above your lot as you say.
that will be apt ^{to} make your
lot worth something if they
would strike it, give my love
to all our folks and also Bill ^{and} his
Family well I must draw to
close so good by Write soon

(Fromillard, M. Cutter