

Washington Wednesday May 6th /68

Dear Brother

I take my Pen in hand to write you a few lines to let you know how matters are here by this time the weather here for the last 2 days has been quite disagreeable Monday Night there was a Thunderstorm and Tuesday Night there was another Thunderstorm and rained all night and is still raining Monday Morning there was some three hundred Rebels or more come up from Frederick and were put in the Guard House I was out Tuesday and seen the Prisoners I seen four Hundred & 80th marched to the old Capitol Prison I seen them at the Guard House to, they were all dressed in Gray and looked more like old Farmers than Soldiers, Tuesday Evening there was six Hundred more come in the City, Yesterday I seen 800, Thousand & more they look devilish dirty & Ragged there was forty Eight Officers among them Yesterday I was on Guard yesterday But me & Bill Clover run down to the Avenue to see them and only had time to see the first of them we could see all of them as they were coming but we did not have time to stay to have a Peep at all of them for we had to go on guard at 3 and got Back just in time to go on for we were

called out Before we got there, Our Wounded
is coming in some come in this morning
150 went to one hospital one of them Rebels
Yesterday was stuck in the throat the
Bayonet went through between his wife
& throat Our Captain has left us you
have heard of it as like as not Before this
Sunday he called the Com. out for
to say a few words to us before he left
the Capt went in for Provost Marshal but
thought he could ~~Could be~~ the Captain
of the Com. for all that but since he give
his name in there was different Orders all
had to Resign that was going to be Provost
Marshal so the Captain had to back out
or Resign he told the Com. that they were
called the best Com. in Service and was
spoke well of by every one, but some
of the mean class the President told the
Capt as long as the war lasts we should be
his guard, the Capt did not like to leave
the Com. it made him feel so bad he could
not say as much as he wanted to say
his office will be in Meadville Charley
Golliger left here yesterday for Meadville
on a furlough of 15 days I wish you
would send a Pair of Suspenders to me by him.

Joe Hooker is doing the fighting now
and is giving the Rebels the devil

The trees are all coming out with leaves
and are green and nice I see in some
strawberries in Blossom Sunday & Currants ^{bushes} are to
Peaches are out of Blossom last night the
Wind changed and got cold & is muddling
cold to day I am well at Present &
hope these few lines will find you all
the same I must come to a close
write soon

From Your Brother
Willard. A. C. Cullen

still Water

Stone Wall Jackson wounded
and 10,000 of his men
Captured