

Washington, D.C.
Feb. 23, 1865

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 War Department was the nicest fixed of any I seen 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 the war begun one Building I counted how many lights there was It is the Winders building there was 36 windows with 24 lights in each except one and that one 18 858 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 ile, give my love to all our folks and also Bill Lorkin's family well I must draw to close so good by write soon, from Willard A. Cutter,