

Washington, D.C.
June 9th, 1864

Dear Mother

I received your letter this morning and I was very glad to hear from you I am well as usual I am sorry to hear that Grand Mother and yourself have such poor health I suppose you dont take anything to help you do you I should think you would try something for your Complaint not think of getting along without I should think you would try the Plantation Bitters Mys McDouelle come very near right when she told you we were a going to the field for yesterday afternoon at 3 oclock we got marching orders to report at our regiment at White House landing the boys were all packed ready for marching a company from the Veteran reserve Corps were to releave us at 8 oclock this morn the relief come up at 8 oclock but had to go back for the order was countermanded last night and they had not heard ot if being countermanded the boys flew around packing up their things in boxes that they didnot want to take along I was going to send some things home to but was not in quite so big a hurry as some for I was on guard yesterday and calculated to pack today in a big box with four or five more boys from the same city but it was all knocked in the head the Lt. read the order for marching and when done the boys gave three cheers for the orders to march the boys all felt bully and would as leave a went as not and of anything a little leaver. The balloon goes up several times most every they have five dollars for a trip to go up in it they have a rope attached to it and can let it up or come down just as you like the weather is fine yesterday or last night there was a small shower old Abe is nominated for the next President the 163 Ohio 100 day men marched by the White House yesterday the President come out and spoke to this Colonel every Com. as they come by cheered for old Abe Judge Pettis was here last night all the boys are well give my love to Mother and the rest of the folks give my love to Lizzy eva and george write soon, Willard A. Cutter.