

Washington, D.C.  
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Dear Brother

I received your letter yesterday and was very glad to hear from you. I am well at present and hope these few lines will find you the same yesterday morning it commenced raining at five oclock in the morning and is raining yet and I dont see any signs of clearing off yesterday morn at 7 the 169th reg. marched down the Avenue front of the White House just before I came off of Guard the 10th New Jersey Reg. and the 169th and two more Regs had marching orders Sunday the 169th Guarded the War and Navy Department and one Com. near the White House the Treasury Dept. when finished will be the biggest building any where in old Meadville and I think it is as big now they have been to work on the Treasury building for the last yr or to they have 25 or 30 men a pounding brick and stone for cement for to lay stone floor on there you could only see some of the stones after they are finished you would think the stone masons and 30 to 35 feet long knew how to cut stone some stone took one man six months to finely I was glad to hear that George had spunk enough to go to a trade he and sim will get their trades finished at once if they both stick and I hope they will I am sorry to hear that Grand Mother is sick you must take good care of her and not let her be around the House to work for hshe is to old to be to work around the fire bet old tom Lenore for selling the alley that did not belong to him if I had been there things would of went better I could never trust one of my boys yet with anything like lawing you see you have not got as long a head as I have I mean through I you can make anything keeping boarders why keep them things there is nearly as dear as hear good surrupp is one dollar here a gallon I dont know when we will get paid off but I think we will be before long the Army of Potomac was to be paid off yesterday so I think we will be before long I hope so I want to buy a razor old fay was here the other day Bill you had better buy up some corn and then sell it to Bill Taylor for half price like last fall you did it is now half foot 11 and has stoped raining I have nothing else to do at present but to write and nothing of importance to write so I must close by bidding you all good by from your brother Willard A. Cutter