

My chances look slim unless
we fight our way right through
The medical board sat on the 7th
of October & passed some 25 and
ten of that No have not as yet been
assigned to any position The board
will not sit again until all of these
have received their appointments
and there are not troops enough being
raised in Penn. to find a position
for all as our Regiment is the last
one to be accepted Now unless we
can get a private hearing before the
Surgeon General, before our regiment
is full & get our commission we will
not stand one shadow of a chance
for after it is full the Colonel has nothing
to say but the Surgeon General can
send who he has a mind to & the Col^l
will be obliged to accept them. We are
making an effort to get this private
hearing & Gov^o Curtains has agreed to
give us the assignment to our regiment

if we succeed I shall make out
my account for services rendered while
at Warren & present it for payment
As soon as possible I can get the
money on it by going to Harrisburg
when I do so I will send you
8 or 10 Dollars. I am bound to see
the thing through some how or another
and get my position
We sleep in canvas tents & in each
tent each man has one blanket we
have Henlock bought laid upon the ground
& spread a blanket over them, each man
in our tent has 2 extra blankets brought
from home so that we can have four
under us & four over us we sleep warm
Yesterday morning it snowed & it
was very disagreeable eating our breakfast
with nothing but the canopy of
heaven to shelter us from the storm
We have no fire except out of doors
to one side of the encampment. & each man
does their own cooking It cost, 10^{cts}