

Washington within three weeks

We are now encamped in Camp Curtin (where the Buell Corps was in camp so long in the spring) about one mile north of Harrisburgh with the Broad Susquehanna on the west at the distance of $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile & the insane Asylum on the east about $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile distant. We are on a slight eminence in plain sight of the capital, there are about 5000 men in camp here now.

I presented a bill for \$5,00 on Thursday and got the money. If I can get a Lieutenant's commission I will stay with this regiment & try in workshop to get up the medical staff if not I will come home as I can not afford to go down then

on an uncertainty our men will be mustered in to day they are examined by the Surgeons assigned to this regiment yesterday

I shall stay a week or two to see about a Lieutenant's commission in the pay is only \$5,00 less than Surgeon there will be a vacancy to be filled soon and the appointing power is with the Governor. I sent you ten dollars on Thursday, Judge Davis who leave for home on Tuesday next and I will send you in \$15,00 more

There is considerable sickness in camp quite a no of cases of measles & some Typhoid fever our boys are all well except some slight colds I acted as surgeon up to last Thursday and there was a bad set of boys when they found that I was crowded off.