hay some reason or eight hun-

this letter, more than I do. He

aloud, he write, a most universal

the several and he, an indifferent

out education, it seems, as-

ried to a place in the Military

Baron, but I can scarcely think

he cannot have received any en-

couragement from parties of

fluence, unless they were entirely

gnornbat of his qualifications. If

he should write them some letter,

to very long throw them into a

very late warm state. I expect

his aspirations, if he has one, but

the ghost of a chance. I never hop

mine very good, but I should be

tory to think it was not as many

degrees better than this. — Your last

letter was common and on the

very day I mailed that last letter

to know, yet how long it seems.

If I had been asked how long this

it was written, I should have said

two weeks, at least. This is the last

letter I have written since I think.

I am pretty sure you got you, the

of appreciably. I mean you always

shall while here the mean and by

you last night, commenced on

the 12th. I am sorry Besie is

no better but trust you will have

better news in your next letter.

We are living daily or rather

ightly in expectation of a rebel

raid, as I believe I wrote you

my luck. They have convinced

themselves at Gen. McClellan’s

ten that Gen. Stuart proposes to

make a dash on the railroad

We are guarding but whether he

will, will, or not we don’t

know. We will find it all out

and ready to give him quite as

warm a reception as he will

enjoy. I don’t think he will be

able to accomplish much but

we shall see.
Capt. Pease told me last night that an officer informed that I was promoted to a Lieut. Colonel ag, but I don't see it yet. May be so; may be not. I shall catch my chickens before they are hatched certainly. If I win, I do not suppose it would change my position immediately, as I should be continued in command of the Brigade at least until some body is sent here expressly to command it. I might possibly be promoted to one of the regiments when I showed of course remained here. I wrote to the Chase and Sumner Sherman about that place in the Military Division, but the letter to-day. I don't know whether either will or can do anything, but there is nothing like trying. I found that some gentlemen of inferior

Bank and qualifications were trying and therefore that the door on my modity I swallowed my independence and wrote the letter aforesaid. If they come to nothing I will have at least the consolation that I tried my best, then I see it gives to the no better fitted to fill the place than myself. I have got Captain Anderson ordered into the field greatly to the disgust of Capt. Delabas who has been in command since I left. They hate each other like cats and dogs, and I believe there are very few of the officers who like Capt. A. He is very conceited, puts on a great many airs and likes to affect the awe-

thereof. He hated to come here very much, so he was having a very easy time and getting very large