Say some person or eighteen hun-
dred dollars, more than I do. He 
altho' he write a sort sentence 
the second and 
't, an indifferent 
ble education, it seems, as-
tribed to a place in the Military 
Barbar, but I can scarce think he 
not have received any en-
couragement from persons of 
influence, unless they were alto-
gether ignorant of his qualifications. 
he would write them some letters 
be any living throw them into a 
very little warm state of short 
the aspiration, if he has one he 
the ghost of a chance, I never had 
mine very good, but I should be 
no to think it was not by many 
degrees better than this. Your last 
letter was commenced on the 
very day I mailed that last letter 
to Sibley, yet how long it seems. 
if I had been asked how long 
I was written I should have said 
two weeks, at least. This is the third 
letter I have written since I think. 
I am pretty sure you got you these 
if possible, and I mean you always 
shall while here the means and if 

I read a letter from 
you last night, commenced on 
the 12th. I am sorry Beissie is 
no better but trust you will hear 
that better news in your next letter. 
We are living daily or rather 
 nightly in expectation of a rebel 
raid, as I believe I write you 
in my lack. They have convinced 
themselves at Genl. Lee's quar-
ters that Genl. Stuart proposes to 
move so fast on the railroad 
be on guard but whether he 
will hit us or not we don't 
know. He will find us all awake 
and ready to give him quite as 
sharp 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 seat. Colonel sign, but I don't see it yet. May be so, may be not. I shall count my chickens before they are hatched certainly. If I win, I do not suppose it would change my position immediately, as I shall be continued in command of this Brigade at least until some body is killed expressly to command it. I might possibly be promoted to one of the regiments here when I should of course remain here. I wrote to the Chase and Gen. Sherman about that place in the Military Division, as the best to-day. I don't know whether it will or can do anything, but there is nothing like trying. I found that some gentlemen of inferior...