

Now you have a girl what are you going to name her? If she had been a boy, I think we should have differed about my name. As it is not I suppose I must let you have your own way. ~~as~~ You know I have always had a weak nervous fancy names. The other day I came across that of Alianore which struck me as being very pretty, and if I had the naming of a girl I should call it that. You are too matter of fact for such things, so I expect you will ~~be~~ some much more common, ~~ways~~ ~~to~~ go your ~~ways~~.

That last letter, received the day after the despatch ~~at~~ about the best love letter you have ever written me. And it did me a great deal of good. I think all things considered our married life has been a very happy one; the only cloud that rests upon it now is that which darkens so many other households in the country, the absence of dear ones in the army. ~~When~~ "When this cruel war is over" there will still be a fearful number on which the cloud will rest and rest forever. Heaven grant that ours may not be one of them.

You see I have a monogram - what do you think of it.
I love to all the family and mine, especially for the little one I have not seen. I hope you I shall hear all about it from mother in a day or two.
Yours very sincerely,
Your Grandfather
G. H. S.

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Fort Hamilton
June 28.

My Dear One:
You can scarcely imagine what pleasure your Uncle John's telegram of Friday gave me. I had been feeling very anxious about you for more than a week, and to hear that you had gone safely through your terrible trial gave me more satisfaction than I am able to express. I do not know that I had any preference as to sex, although I do not think we could have too many such boys as Robbie.

How it would delight me to see the dear little thing, but the way affairs are going on now, I can not hope to enjoy that pleasure very soon. The prospect is very gloomy, but if we escape any great disaster, we shall probably soon have a decided

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change for the better. It now looks
very much like the Duke might soon
be able to dictate a peace in Inde-
pendence Square Philadelphia. If
they are defeated in their present en-
terprise they will probably be utterly
ruined and we may soon hear for
peace. Such being happily the case
is it not strange that the Pennsylvania
men, should behave so shamefully?
Nobody will be inclined to admit for
the next hundred years that he was
born in their state. - Muhlberg
has gone to Harrisburg, but nothing has
been heard from him since he left
Lancaster. Gen. Franklin wrote a very bitter
letter to his brother denouncing the per-
sillanizing of his people. The New York
papers are pitching into them ~~and~~
I suppose they are catching it all a
round. I hope they may never hear
the last of it. - I saw Mr. Mum-
ford this morning and told him
about our daughter, and called this morn-
ing but the house was dark and the
girl at the gate told me the ladies had
gone to church.

Nothing has yet been heard of my
appeal to Gen. Wool. I saw Capt. Clinton
of Gen. Wool's staff yesterday, but he was
not able to tell me any more than that
Lieut. Brown was to come down to inspect
gate it. I wish he would hurry along.
I have only been on once in Office of
the day. Sr. Muhlberg's absence, Stacy Act
or Post Adjutant, and I do not think he
will detail me unless he is specially or-
dered to do it by Gen. Boscawen. Besides, there
are more officers here now, so there is no
apparent necessity. There will be two away
however, after to-morrow, and the old Giga-
dier may take it into his head to annoy me
again while he has the power.

It seems to be pretty well understood
that Piper is to marry Miss Ross. If he is not he
acts queerly. Sometime since he went to see
her after taking some medicine, was taken
sick there and obliged to stay all night.
The next, he went up to sleep because
there had been no fire in her quarters for
three days and they were very damp!
I have heard nothing lately of
the Harrison-Stamper arrangement.