

than expected. I would have been a great comfort to me to have seen you again before going to the field, but I very much prefer the rest to be

Your uncle John's letter has not come to hand yet. If he has not written when this comes to hand, jog him up a little. I am sorry he did not get the nomination, if there is a fair chance of electing the ticket. I would not like to see him run and be defeated with a considerable pile of money irrecoverably lost, - as was my experience. - It is a hopeful sign that ~~Dooperhead~~ has got tired of Vallandigham. I hope he will be beaten 50,000, but it will be unquiet work. There is an ugly feeling among the ignorant Democrats which I am afraid Seymour and the like are trying to use to bring about a revolution in the north, and I am afraid the administration has not the courage to deal as boldly with the crisis as it should.

Mrs McElroth & Mrs Opley have gone to Long Island for the benefit of Fanny & Matty's health. The father's report a marvellous improvement upon a single days sojourn there. They have both had the summer complaint pretty bad, - Dr Randall's little girl is better. - I am very thankful that our little ones have kept so well this summer in New York the malarial agency here has been awful. - There are some signs that indicate that I am to be ordered to the west, but this can hardly be before the first of next month. This I suppose will prevent my coming out to see you as I had hoped to

Wm Hamilton
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My Dear Wife:

I rec'd your good long letter of the 9th yesterday morning. I was very glad that you had so great a pleasure so nearly within reach. I should be very glad to be home to welcome the young soldiers myself give him my kindest regards and tell him that I have been on the point of writing to him ~~very~~ this month past, but have procrastinated until now I shall have to wait until he goes back to his regt. By the way is this the 63rd or 69th - I believe the latter but some how a doubt has crept into my mind. Has he been promoted yet? If not, I hope he'll receive his captaincy soon, tho' I believe the Adjutant is rather the pleasantest post, having less responsibility of property & less worry with soldiers, with more real authority, but with a little less pay. If the organization was permanent, of course, the promotion would

Very desirable. — I went over to see
Col. Bunker yesterday. He still remains
at Fort Tappan, & enquired very particu-
larly for you all, — desiring to be re-
membered. He was looking very well,
and I believe he remains over there
for economy's sake. He hopes to get
a command somewhere but is likely to
be disappointed I think. — I forgot
to tell you in my last that it is rum-
oured that Mollie Diminck is to be
married to a Captain in the Navy.
I pity them both; him, because he must
be a poor sort of with his case. —
Could not get a better wife, & her, be-
cause she is advised to the sad neces-
sity of taking a husband that no-
body else will have. — I am coming
at States, getting breakfast & dinner
there and trying to Providence for lunch.
The other day I asked where Georgia
was, not seeing her with the other chil-
dren. Imagine how shocked I was to
hear her say she had died last Feb'y,
after but one day's illness. Did you
ever hear of it? I don't think I could
or the fact would not have escaped

I should turn out as I fear, you will try to be the dis-
appointment with yourself, having no money it may be.
I am to them and the little one & my money, I am
1845.

My mind so completely as not to be ce-
called again. It was a very embarrass-
ing position to be placed in. — All the
boarders who received from the other house
are very well pleased with the change. S.
does set a better table after all than Miss
B. altho there is not so much style. Every
thing is good of its kind & very nicely cooked.
I have found the new Comdr Off-
a very pleasant gentleman. He is young
but is a pushing fellow and has knock-
ed about the world a good deal. He has
a fonder at Warsaw Ill. but is from
Mass. His Regiment is a good one, the
men being entirely without money. How
it will be when they are paid off I
don't know. The Col. tells me that about two
thirds of their money is "allotted" that is,
is to be paid directly to their families.
This is a very good plan, prevents
trouble with the soldiers and secures their
families a support, either wholly or par-
tially. Most of them squander all the money
they get whether it be two months pay
or six in a few days and then have
to get their tobacco & grog the best way
they can until the next pay day.