

Camp Near Peola Mills

Nov. 24. 1863

My Dear Wife:

I used the socks & pin-cushion last night. The socks are just the things and I do not doubt that I shall get a great deal of comfort out of them. I am very much obliged, but sorry you put yourself to so much trouble to finish them so soon. Selma's present is a very nice one & besides, I needed it; so it was very acceptable. I am glad to know that she can use her needle so well. You can give her even so many kisses on my account, for the cushion.

I sent you my pay account for November by the mail yesterday with instructions for getting them cashed. Herein, I enclose, a check for \$80. Let somebody take it to Johnson Perrine

or to the Bank & sell it. Jackson's interest amounts to \$87.⁵⁰. as I find on calculation, so I don't think I would take it to him, unless you have the money to pay the whole of it. It should have been paid in September.

I also send the trunk key. I yesterday wrote to New York about it again. You will find some copies of my Carte in it, please send me a couple of them. Mimmack gave his to the sister of Capt. King and I promised them another.

There is a rumor that we are to move forward on Wednesday; I don't know how true it is.

Having written to you so often lately & having nothing new to say I will close by sending you all the love I have on hand. I hope to have more

for the next letter.

By the way, I almost forgot to tell you what I have heard about my promotion yesterday. An officer told me he had rec'd. a letter from the Chief Clerk in the Q. M. Department, in which it was stated that I was Lt Col of the 10th. This is now stationed at Fort La Fayette. If this should prove to be true, I don't think it probable that I would be ordered there unless I was to relieve Col. Burke. It would not be at all agreeable to be cooped up in that ancient fort with that ancient gentlemen. How would like another winter so near New York? Good bye dearest.

L B / Bruen
May. 12th Inf

Capt. Putnam sends his regards.