Since my visit home I have thought more about the education of our little one, than I had for some time, and wish it were in my power to be with you to over see it. At this age, it is possible at present, I shal be here to content myself by doing what I can when away from you. I do not know whether I shall be able to help you any, but I shal try. Lelia has grown so and improved so much that I have thought I might help you some by writing letters to her. We shall commence doing so soon as I can. First at present needs physical exercise more than anything else, but it be occurred to me that he might be improved by being near people. Suffer you try taking him out with you whenever possible. He needs confidence when talking to you fully. Tell him apparently he enough when talking to Felicia & Bob. Going about with you too would probably come off one of his unpleasant ways. Suffer you make the experiments. He has very little to learn.
Pickets are quite frequent along my line. Our pickets are frequently shot at; but so far I have had no difficulty at my head quarters. I ought to say, I received a notification that the Rebel Cavalry were on at Natrona Church and asked my disposition to give them a warm reception should they attack my camp. They have not made their appearance yet and I do not think they will. I am not certain that they have been in any force, although the news came to me from the head quarters of the Army. We are vigilant and take every precaution against being surprised. The most of the people immediately around here are emigrants from New Jersey and profess to be loyal. A young woman came to my office with a young man whose mother had got a safe-guard the other day. Her name was Ruth, and she wanted a safe-guard too. It came out in conversation that every body in the county had been born in New Jersey, except the Magees, who is a Virginian from Culpepper, but who had married a New Jersey girl and whose children had been born in that state! There is a large Jersey settlement close by here, but most of the people have been driven away by the war. They were invited here by fancy to the cheapness of the land, but they have found it dear enough by this time. They have lost much in every thing but Regier, — hang more, they have lost none, the I suspect they are not at all left living in their view.