

I saw Walter Pease to-day, he was at home when Mr Parrot died, By the way, I write you would apologise to Mr Edr Davis for my not calling upon him, for I should have done but for the storm, which just allowed me to transact the little business I had to do on Norway. — The note of uncle John held, will be paid in March from that you will get enough to paint the fence, I pay the Dr. Johnson Perrine's interest and the who Life Ins premium. In the meantime if you want a little spending money cut the coupons from the August 7.30<sup>s</sup> and sell them — gold is as dear now as it is likely to be. I see the 7.30<sup>s</sup> are 10 + 11 per cent premium, higher than the 5.20<sup>s</sup>. When they come due, I can get them converted into 65 of 1881 which sell at the same price so I shant lose anything by not converting them into 5.20<sup>s</sup>. — Things are as dull as ever and the ~~same~~ routine of business is ~~very~~ interrupted by

any excitement. — I don't think it probable that I shall get away from the Army, nor would I wish it, were my pay so small as it is here. I hope the Army can pay into fruit the million when I hope we shall have better times.

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 To Mr. Davis

Your letter containing the news of the death of Mrs. Pease reached me last night. The sad intelligence was not unexpected to me, as she has seemed very frail for some years. Her death must have been very distressing to her family which has lived thro' so many years without encountering the change which occurs in almost all families in this country, still they have been blessed with the society of their mother much longer than the rest of us. To lose one mother, so generally our nearest and dearest parent, is always an overwhelming grief, unless extreme age has made the grasshopper a burden and deprived of the faculties through whose employment and enjoyment life is made desirable or

enormable. — There is little probability of my regiment being ordered to the ~~field~~<sup>front</sup>. Sometimes since we hoped that it would be of a considerable number of the men re-enlisted. Not so large a number as we expected are doing so, and if all of them did, I do not think the regt would be permitted to leave this Army.

We are getting ready for the Spring Campaign, but I imagine it is only for the purpose of not being surprised in case the rebels should initiate operations. ~~to the~~ If left to ourselves we shall not be likely to make any serious demonstrations before the middle of April or fruit of ~~except~~ unless the Spring should be unexpectedly favorable.

The winter has been very dry with an unusual proportion of warm

pleasant weather. Therefore I think we shall have a very wet Spring, and the roads may prevent us from making any movement, before the first of June. We may be kept guarding the rail road when the Army does move, as the Regular Brigade is very small. — The Secy of War has rescinded the order suspending my pay, so that I shall be able to send you some money as soon as the Paymaster comes down. The order was a perfect farce for the govt. has had no money to pay the troops with since it was issued. It is said now that the paymaster will visit us soon. I hope he will not come for a week yet & then I shall be able to send you a large supply of greenbacks.