

to guard the rail-road. When we shall move I can't tell. We are having very pleasant weather now; if it continues we may move soon. It is likely however that we shall have a wet season, as the fall and winter have been so remarkably dry. It will not require much wet weather to put the roads about here in a terrible condition, and make a movement very difficult. I hear nothing more of the re-organization of this Army. - Capt. Pease I am told says he was told by an officer in the Adjutant General's office at Washington that there had been numerous applications of Brigadiers to be assigned to the command of this Brigade, and that they had all been refused because the brigade was to be broken up. Gen. Meade however says this shall not be done, if he can help it. We shall see what we shall see. In the mean time I shall try to possess my soul in patience. - Since writing the last few sentences, I have learned that Maj. Giddings is not coming to join his reg^t & consequently I shall remain in command for the present.

I notice that a man named Pomeroy is selling goods at the old stand
of Kiffin & Conner.
I don't know how he came
of them?
Good bye
L. B. N.

Nokesville Va.

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Dear Augusta:

Yours of the 29th (dated)

but post-marked the 2^d, reached me last evening, - so that our letters passed each other between this and Washington. Maj. Giddings has been ordered into the field; - if he comes, he will take command of the Brigade and I shall return to my regiment. He will probably come, not however if he can help it, as he is said to be trying to get appointed a Brigadier General of Colored troops. It is not likely that he will succeed as he is neither much of a man or soldier. I like him very well nevertheless. I am glad you were pleased with my letter to Sellen, as I was not sure that I had struck the right key. I shall try to send another soon, and trust they will have a

