

Letter which I determined on.

right sharp she might find it
Somewhere in Washington. When
she finds it, I will fill it with
nicer fresh eggs laid by our own
hens if she will bring it here, -
she must bring it tho! So
Mrs. R.N.S. is dead; poor woman,
she cannot have enjoyed life
much of late years. And he, -
I wonder which one of the sisters
he will begin to cast sheep's eyes
at, - I could name some who
will begin to praise him in mod-
erately, and fix themselves up to at-
tract his attention. Wonder if he'll
try another Smith! Don't you think
I'm sin-ical? You must let the
Peices know I have written such
outrageousness. I have plenty of
P.O. Stamps now, - having got them
enough to buy me some, - so there is no
danger of ceasing to write because
I have no stamps to put on my letters.

The re-organization of this Army still
waits for something, - where the hitch is
I do not know, nor can I guess
how we are to be affected by that

I should like to see how. Can you after he is "Converted" and I
should like very much like to have him counted if he would
turn preacher and have the
appearing of
the army then
preach every
Friday. But
promise him the
Chaplaincy of
the 5th Regt. of
that with some
good effect in
the curving his
conversion - it
is the best I
can do. I would
I honestly offer
long letter of the 5th reached
me last night. One end of it
was open, the mail having got
on its way here from Division
Head Quarters. It however found
better than some of the others,
the envelope coming entirely off
and the superscription being ren-
dered illegible. I have set down
to answer it so soon because
it was such a good long one,
and because I have already writ-
ten a long letter to Selma, not
because I have anything
to write about. We have had
another dismal rainy day,
that has kept us all at home
with very little to do, - few books
to read, but all the New York news-

greatly induces me to land as an object. I am very much

papers. The latter are mainly filled with accounts of Kilpatrick's raid, which has proved a most signal, expensive and unhappy failure. I am tired and sick of reading about it and shall be very glad when the newspapers are done with it - they have exhausted it already.

I see that Chase has withdrawn from the presidential canvass, this I think very good policy for him as he did not appear to have the slightest chance of a nomination. I do not think it so well for the country, as I believe he would make a much safer and better President, for the troublous times that we follow the putting down of the rebellion, than Mr Lincoln or any other of our public men. It is his last chance too I think, as

the stated preaching of the Gospel I shall never enjoy
I feel under his ministrations, although he is a minister.

Good bye Darling! Mr. Howe & I have just this evening & have the successor of Mr Lincoln will probably be a military man. That is to say if he is re-elected for I am afraid that a general want of success, or a disastrous defeat in the midst of the canvass might possibly defeat Mr Lincoln. I think it highly probable that Mr Chase will be the successor of Chief Justice Taney on the Supreme Bench a position, as things go in these days, more honorable, of worth and able filled than the Presidency. You can give Mary as much of the map border as you choose, with my love, as I shall never put it on the map again, the map has not arrived yet, nor the Journal with the account of the mob. Tell Mary I threw her basket away after I had emptied it - if she looks