

parting to put, even if I have to tell them apart
near Dallas is nothing that I had to tell them apart

pay - some seven or eight hun-
dred dollars more than I do. He
altho' he writes a most miser-
able scrawl and has an indiffer-
ent education, it seems, as-
signed to a place in the Military
Bureau, but I can scarcely think
he could have received any en-
couragement from persons of
influence, unless they were entirely
ignorant of his qualifications. If
he would write them some letters
he very likely throw them into a
very lukewarm stove & defeat
his aspirations if he has even had
the ghost of a chance. I never thought
mine very good, but I should be
sorry to think it was not by many
degrees better than this. - Your last
letter was commenced on the
very day I mailed that last letter
to Sella, yet how long it seems.
If I had been asked how long since
it was written I should have said
two weeks, at least. This is the third
letter I have written since I think.
I am pretty sure you get your share
of epistles, and I mean you always
shall while here the means are

In anticipation of the aged folks getting us, I burned up all your letters this
morning. I am half inclined to send them back to you to keep. They will be

a record of family
matters which will
be altogether lost if
they are not pre-
served. I shall
enclose them in
Sella's letter & may
write to you that it may
be kept. - Sunday
The Rebs did not
visit in last night

I am the first to
tell you of your
and love to
morning. Good bye
D.D.D. a

you last night, commenced on
the 12th. I am sorry Bessie is
no better but trust you will have
better news in your next letter.
We are living daily or rather
nightly in expectation of a rebel
raid, as I believe I wrote you
in my last. They have convinced
themselves at Genl Head Quar-
ter that Genl Stuart proposes to
make a dash on the railroad
we are guarding but whether he
will hit us or not we do not
know. He will find us all awake
and ready to give him quite as
warm a reception as he will
enjoy. I don't think he will be
able to accomplish much but
we shall see.

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Capt Pease told me last night that an officer informed that I was promoted to a Lieut. Colonel cap; but I don't see it yet. May be so; may be not. I shan't count my chickens before they are hatched certainly. If I were, I do not suppose it would change my position immediately, as ~~we~~ shall be continued in command of this Brigade at least until some body is sent here expressly to command it. I might possibly be promoted to one of the regiments here when I should of course remain here. I wrote to Mr Chase and Senator Sherman about that place in the Military Bureau, by the mail to-day. I don't know whether either will or can do anything, but there is nothing like trying. I found that some gentlemen of inferior

rank and qualifications were trying and therefore shut the door on my modesty & swallowed my independence and wrote the letters aforesaid. If they come to nothing I will have at least the consolation that I tried my best, when I see it given to one no better fitted to fill the place than myself. — I have got Capt Anderson ordered into the field greatly to the disgust of Capt. Dales who has been in command since I left. They hate each other like cats and dogs, and I believe there are very few of the officers who like Capt. A. He is very conceited, puts on a great many airs and likes to assert his authority. He hated to come here very much, as he was having a very easy time and getting very large