

I thought I should be able to send you a remittance in this letter, but am not able to do so. I have my pay account made out and intended to go to the Intler's to get it cashed to-day, but it began to rain and I went on reading my novel. By the way, Whismach sent me five or six by a soldier returning from pulougt. One of them he bought for me at my request, when he picked up all the others I have no idea. They come in very good play down here where one manager to worry this the stupidest kind of a book. I have read more novels this winter than in any three years for the past dozen. I wish Hannah Thurston had got among us, as I felt like reading it, albeit having no very high opinion of the author.

I don't know whether I am particularly stupid to-night, or whether this paper bothers me with its roughness so that I can not rush along currente calamo as has been my wont, but to it is, that I have hardly succeeded in filling this sheet. - Robert I suppose will be in Washington before this reaches you. If he wants to see me, I suspect he will have to come down here, as I don't know whether I shall be allowed to go there.

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Augusta: I recd yours of the 27th this evening which contained the first advice I have had of my letter to the politicians. It seems very much more than ten days since I wrote, yet my memorandum book shows me it is but just ten days since my letter was mailed. Had I not lost much of my interest in the subject, I should be annoyed at Robert's conduct, which is wholly unaccountable to me, he has secretiveness I know and sense too, but his conduct in everything he has attempted to do me, so far as it has come to my knowledge, do not indicate much sagacity. There was no necessity for giving the business any publicity whatever, and should I fail to secure the place, the ~~news~~ my application was known, the more injurious it would be to me hereafter in any attempt I might make to get another place. But what shall I say of his writing to Schenck? It was a most extraordinary thing for a man in his hands to be guilty of. In my efforts I had aimed to keep all knowledge of my application away from Schenck believing that he would use all his influence to defeat me altho' he might have no candidate of his own. You may judge of my surprise when I learned that he had written to S. on the subject. I am afraid Robert is not much of a politician or political manager notwithstanding the time he has spent in politics. At I said before I should be much annoyed, if the place had not been deprived of its attractions for me by the amendment of the Senate. I have written all about this in former letters and it is not necessary to expatiate further now. Had the bill been left as it passed the House it is very likely that I should have failed to get the place

Augusta
From Thine
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I am inclined therefore to be rather
better ^{reconciled to} ~~satisfied~~ with the action of the
Senate than I should have been with
the loss of the place had it not none
of its attractions by legislative action.

I think it was the third number of
House and Home Papers which I thought
showed the writer had about exhausted
his ~~subject~~ ^{subject}, - the second pleased me as
much as the first.

We are still at Nashville, but ex-
pecting orders to leave every day. Why
they don't come we cannot understand.
My ~~1~~ ^{9th} Brigade Surgeon ^{has} his orders to-day
the rest of the staff will get theirs
soon. The Head Quarters of our
Corps are at Campbell and we shall
be ordered up there as soon as ~~troops~~
can be had to take our places here.
It has rained nearly all day, & thus
with the recent bad weather may
postpone the movement for some
time. I ^{had} thought it possible that we
might be left here even after the
army moved for a short time, but
as Gen. Warren is so anxious to get
his Corps together I think it altogether
unlikely now. The convenience or com-
fort of troops ~~is~~ not consulted much

in army movements. The numbers of
the Brigade in our Division have
been changed, so that we are the
First Brig. 1st Division instead of the
Third. Gen. Griffin our Division Comman-
der is an Ohio man, and a pretty
good officer. Grant is from our state
too, - so we can indulge in a little
state pride, if the Campaign should be
as successful as we hope. - I think
I mentioned in my last letter that
Capt. Putnam has lost a son. I don't
remember whether he had more than
one. I sent the Commercial to
Capt. Pease the day after I received
it without noticing the letter you re-
ferred to. The paper was a good deal
blamed and not pleasant to read.
I am ignorant therefore as to what was
said about Howard's regiment.
If it is interesting I wish you would
write what it was. I thought I had
read every thing in the paper but it
seems I missed the most important.
I shall try to do better next time. By
the way, I have received no papers
from you for more than a week.
Have you quit sending them.

April 2. It rained all night and a snowing now. My anticipation of a wet
season seems - a fair way to be really -