We don't allow anybody to come into camp now, but I do say the quartermaster are all very well informed as to our whereabouts. The camp at Ketelle Run is much safer one than this, but I know more pleasantly situated here than I should be there and have consequently stayed here. Their quartermaster have been attacked once or twice, yet and perhaps they think they will lose more than they would gain by such an enterprise. I was given to understand when the opportunity is favorable, but they never have attacked unless they had all the advantage, as left where the troops were prone and they knew their character. They will have a chance to try the metal of regular troops, unless they can effect a complete surprise. They can scare off all their soldiers, the my regiment has been too much reduced in one way & another, that...
I think it highly probable that we shall move very soon—perhaps before this letter reaches you. If we do, it may be that we shall stop a while in the neighborhood of Culpepper before the ground advances is made. Here is a rumor in camp, that we are to march on Friday, that is the day after to-morrow. This is doubtful at best, but sometimes get our earliest news of movement from such doers. The pickets all being sent to the rear and all sorts of preparations making for an advance, until I do not think we shall be ordered to leave our camp without further notice. Gen. Grant went to Washington today and our Brigade Command or is also away, I believe. It may move while Gen. S. is away that we should not have traveled far before the one took us—but I do not think one Brig. would be away, especially on the business he is about to be, if we were really going to leave. Robert is still ill. He will not come down. There are two many guardsmen in the neighborhood to suit his fancy or mine either. By late they are getting very plentiful and very loose. It promises much despite any might to awake and push one of the high socks, bunching his fist at my head. I keep in my pocket that I am afraid I should not yet awake in time to seize any convenience to one of necessity. I should help much alone of half to be taken without a chance to make three shows of fight, and feeling hope that back be my luck, doing to keep up a sham look out, but long immersion has made the men rather cautious.