





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 Calpepper before the ground advance is made. There is a rumor in camp, that we are to march on Friday that is the day after tomorrow. This is doubtful altho' we sometimes get our earliest news of movements from such sources. The sick are all being sent to the rear and all sorts of preparations making for an advance, still 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 is also away I believe. The Army might move while Gen. S. is away tho' we should not have traveled

far before he overtook us - but I do not think our Brig. would be away especially on the business he is said to be, if we were really going to leave. Robert is still dumb. He will not come down. There are too many guerrillas in the neighborhood to suit his fancy or mine either. Of late they are getting very plenty and very bold. It would not much surprise me any night to awake and find one of the ugly rascals holding his pistol at my head. I sleep so very sound that I am afraid I should not get awake in time to seize my own pistol which I always keep very convenient to case of accidents. I should hate much abnormally to be taken without a chance to make some show of fight, and sincerely hope that won't be my luck. Duty to keep up a sharp look out, but long inactivity has made the men rather careless.

Enclose you \$20.