

and winter have been,
General Grant has arrived at
Washington and I suppose will
take some weeks to master the
situation, During which time
the Army will be put into con-
dition to make the Spring cam-
paign. I am afraid Grant's star
will soon begin to wane. It ap-
pears to me to have been a mis-
take to bring him away from
his western army whose con-
fidence he had completely to
take charge of all our military
operations. He will not be un-
trammelled, and will be amply
be devilled by the politicians. I
do not think him a great mil-
itary genius by any means. While
sojourning away from Washington and its im-
portunate influences he did excellent-
ly well. Now comes the time of
trial. He will be cried up as a
demigod as so many have been be-

you know, but will probably soon fall into disgrace sooner
or later and displaced by Mr. Callahan & Harlan and then
I suppose
will have
been. This
is a gloomy
view to take
of his destiny
but I fear it
will prove to
be true.

Wokeville Va
March 10th 64

This has been a most
dreary, dismal, rainy day, which
I propose to enliven this evening
by writing to you. In your
last you ask about the insur-
ance on our house, I do not
think the policy expires until next
year. You have the policy how-
ever, and can look at it and
ascertain. It will not cost much
to renew it, should it be necessary.

We received to-day some very
nice celery from the Nokes and
notwithstanding the dreariness of
the day had the satisfaction of
knowing that we had as fine
celery on our table as the President
himself. I need not assure you
that we enjoyed it exceedingly
- none of us having tasted any

I shall try to send another letter to Sella in my next friend thank the wife for her kind words

for some time. As Woker has

sent the cery and documents which he promised, I have some hope that he will send you the flower seeds yet. You should

receive the check from Mimmack very soon, - write and acknowledge its reception as soon as it comes. Has your uncle John collected the Ogden note yet?

The proceedings of Congress for yesterday show that Schenck has introduced his bill for the establishment of a Bureau of Military Justice, and that it passed the House. I am disappointed in its provisions and suppose I have very little of any chance of getting the place. It provides for one Brigadier General and two Colonels. I supposed there would be at least two Lt Cols. If ~~the~~ chances were difficult and ~~with~~

you know the caste of one of the members of my staff; he is a dull fellow who follows but returns his position this is a perfect fit for the staff. I shall put him in the staff.

ful before, you see they must be much more so now. I shall be very sorry, but not much disappointed if get nothing. Perhaps the bill may be amended in the Senate so as to have a Lt Col or two; if it should be, I shall do all I can to get the place, but without much hope of succeeding, as I am not much of a beggar, and somehow cannot bore people with importunities for my own advancement. The rainy season I have been anticipating for some time appears to have set in at last. We have already had enough to make the roads bad and it is likely they will soon be well nigh impassible. They will certainly be so bad as to prevent military operations for some time, unless we have a spring or extraordinary dry as the fall