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## Letter to Jennie Guiney, 1863 September 11

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Camp at Beverly Falls Va  
Sept 11. 1862

My dear Jennie

Your dear letter enclosing violet came to me last evening. I try very hard that you do not know exactly the size of my waist. But it is pleasant to hear you say that you will hazard a guess at it, anyhow. This proves a confidence which could not be given except by practical experience in its measurement. I'll wager my life the things will fit. I'll make you a suit some time, dear, when you are off at a war and I am at home - wanted to fit.

I await anxiously the coming of the snow-flakes so that either here or at home I may be able to see you. Little Lolie, too, how I'd like to hear her prattle near me! The little pet, put her in mind that she owes me a letter. Harry is nice and white and gentle and spirited and Lolie shall ride him when the war is over. Horse-seeing is all the talk

and trouble and excitement now. The  
rebels just across the river are no ac-  
-count compared to - horses. I ran my  
black against the hitherto victorious  
horse "Dick" of Lt. Col. Warby. Mine won -  
in fact, shot right by his opponent.  
Tomorrow my horse runs again and I am  
going to keep him on the track until he  
beats everything in the Army or is clearly  
beaten himself.

This morning I received the order  
from Washington dismissing Capt. Roach &  
Lieutenants Lawler & Miller. Poor fellows, I  
dislike to lose them - bad as they are, but  
duty must be done. Warby was not dismissed.  
Because I did not recommend such a course  
I simply requested that he be recalled to  
the field. Everything goes well in the Regiment.

I have had letters recently from the  
perjured Captain and the honest but  
uncouth Plunkett.

Glynn & Sullivan, Phalen and myself  
are all well.

The news from Charleston looks  
cheering but "peace" will not come of it, in  
my opinion - so its no account to yourself  
it brings us no nearer together. Ever, in thought

Yours  
A. S. Johnston