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Camp at Culpeper Va.
Sept. 19. 1862

My dear Jennie

Your favors of the 12th & 14th Inst. were duly received. Also, newspapers - and I must not forget to acknowledge Louie's note 'God Bless the Little Heart.' May she ever be as proud of being "a good girl" as she is now. I have seen Capt. Phelan's letter in the Post and am much obliged to the Captain for his truthful and intelligent rendering of the facts. Mahan - Manly's counsel - wrote the original story in the Post. The fellow he was lying when he wrote it but I must be abused, of course, so that a dust a smoke must be raised and violence thrown around the persons of the corrupt and fearless firm of Messrs. Manly & Mahan. Mahan has since been discharged the service on my recommendation. The has gone and I trust the atmosphere

If the Camp will never again be polluted with his presence. Some of the old Grubbers are now getting up a subscription for Manly in token of their sympathy. Plunkett's band - party (B) - led by M's General etc. are doing the honors. You will soon see another phrase in the Press

Lee is beyond the Rapidan and we are near Oneppper Village within five miles of the river. The Cavalry had a fight here. but we abide in peace so far. I cannot offer even a service to our future.

If you see Capt. Phelan I wish you would suggest to him that I would like the return of the whole Conscript detail as soon as it can be properly effected. - Father Egan - a priest from Wash. - in the P.C. is to become Chaplain of the Regiment. I intend to leave the Major's position vacant for some time.

Tomorrow or next day, I intend to send you on some journey. Elyson has applied for leave of absence and he will probably get it.

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on the funeral of Wickham.

When he goes home I do not wish him to stop at our funeral - as I may find in the course of events - that it would be necessary to treat him as I have others. Indeed more than half the trouble which I have met - I fear has arisen from my approach with intimacy with and friendship for some few officers - so that I - in part - become responsible for this fault. I have made up my mind not to invite any more of this little party and troublesome appropriation. When trouble comes in a part - what may - set it some right along.

I am expecting Plunkett any day but he has not arrived yet.

Wickham