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Camp at Culpeper Va
Sept 30. 1863

My Dear Jennie

Your favor of the 29th inst. received this moment. As you express apprehensions of a battle, I hasten to inform you that circumstances now indicate that a battle is remote if not indefinitely postponed. Matters did look threatening a few days ago but now we are falling back upon the routine of ordinary camp life.

The conscripts which I received are, on the whole, an very good material for soldiers. I like them much, and have no fears as to their performance of duty in the field. In fact fact, discipline is so well enforced that it is safer for them to fight well than to run fast.

Mahan has been restored to his position again. I will tell you some time or other why I am not sorry. All well here.
My love to Lottie.
Gurney