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## Letter to Jennie Guiney, 1862 June 22

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June 22<sup>d</sup> 1864

My dear Fernie

I wrote you a short note last evening and spoke to you about some clothing etc. I said I would like a jacket with a single row of buttons. Come to think of it I would prefer a single breasted jacket with two rows of buttons if such an arrangement be possible - the buttons should be small, bright, and numerous. The cloth may be any color you like. In fact I am not particular about having cloth - whatever material you please. Can you have some patriotic device on the breasts? Be quick Darling I would love to wear them in the fight now hourly expected. Send them per Adams Express Co. to White House, Virginia.

Ever and always

Yours

Me



Camps Near Richmond, Va.

June 24<sup>th</sup> 1862

My dear Jennie:

Yours of June 19<sup>th</sup> received.  
Its contents gave me much pleasure,  
and also amused the Major much  
when I read for him the hilling little  
sayings of Pookie. The Major, you under-  
stand, is a sensible young widower, and  
can appreciate such things, and therefore  
I read <sup>that</sup> part of your letter to him  
which related to our little pet.

Matters are remaining as before  
in this vicinity - we are in full  
sight of the enemy throwing up and  
arranging the means of attack and  
defense - we are besieging the enemy  
line - in fact we are repeating the  
siege of Yorktown - with simply a  
change of locality. We can rout them  
now I think with our artillery - but  
the rebels could by falling back a mile  
close on to Richmond, get out of ~~the~~  
range of our siege guns and this course  
would necessitate a second and perhaps  
a third siege. This I think is the key to



to avoid more than the present <sup>siege</sup> ~~siege~~ and  
our delay. Mr. O'Leary wishes, to make short  
work of the enemy's present positions and  
- to be well prepared for a swift pursuit  
clear up to Richmond where he intends  
to dash the brains of the rebellion out  
against the walls. I may <sup>be</sup> too trusting in  
assuming this, but things look so to me. Still  
it would not astound me if the rebels,  
too, repeated the siege of Yorktown  
on their path - and evacuate. However  
this sort is not expected - nothing indicates  
it, but, on the contrary, we see all round  
the red banners of defiance.

We think some of having  
that cowardly Heenan brought back and  
shot for desertion. Capt Willy is going  
home on recruiting service. He is not the  
best service to the Regiment out here. He  
has not duty (nor is he capable of it) for three  
months or more. But he may be of some use  
at home. He is the Colonel's particular friend.  
If he calls to see you treat him respectfully.  
He does not love me, but no matter.

If you like, dear, you may  
send me some red flannel drawers (wide  
like that famous one) and shirts. Remember  
me to friends. Will you call upon Mr. Treanor  
and give him my respects - send me his address

M. L.