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Bivouac at Barnetts Ford
on the Rappahannock
Aug 24 1862

My dear Jennie:

We have had no
mail for ten days. I received
one letter from you at Hamp-
ton near Fort Monroe. This
is the first moment at which
I could answer it. So there is
a messenger going down to
Fredericksburg tomorrow I
will send this by him. I am
anxious to hear the fate of
the two money packages which
I addressed to you from Har-
rison's landing. You spoke of
receiving one. Which one.

Now my dear Jennie
you seem much troubled about
my "adversity." No! I am not
in adversity. I never can be.

I feel that I am always right.
and when a man feels so what
can afflict him? This may seem
presumptive - but, of course, I
mean as to my conduct as a
man and soldier - not as to
my God Whom I may offend
in every act and word.

I wish you to call
upon my dear friends Meador
Searle Murphy etc. and as
I have not time to write to
either of them just now,
and thank them, in my name
and affection, for their warm
true, and practical friendship
in my behalf. I have received
letters from them and it
seems that they think I am
under arrest and charges
preferred against me. It is
not so. I am not under

2 arrest. I have never been. No charges have been yet preferred against me. These wretches there endeavored to prefer charges and Gen. Porter on account of that speech listened to them with much favor as also did Gen. M^re Blunt. The charges no doubt would have been preferred and I would have ^{been} under arrest - but the order to march came and broke up the arrangement. It was a perfect stunner to them all. They were just about to try me for saying that we were "going to Richmond under Pope" and while they were cogitating my punishment, lo! an order from Washington comes and tells them, if we go there at all to go under Pope. We are now under Pope; but I

Suppose Mr. Bellan and Porter
will be along here soon and
although they will be under
Pope too, yet they will be
over me; so I expect that ef-
-forts to punish me will be
renewed. They had better
put in an additional charge
against me - that of being
a Prophet without inspiration.
But time will tell all. The
Regiment is well. Some of the
officers are under arrest and
some will go home in dis
- grace - a just vengeance is
before them.

Hyam came on and
met us at Fort Monroe; but
himself and Hiamly are both
gone to Washington sick. This
shoves all the work on me
and I feel almost used up.
Tobin is under arrest and so

I doubt will be deprived of his com-
mission. He left me at New-
- Port News and did not rejoin
me until we arrived at Freder-
- icksburg.

To night I have been pre-
- sented with ~~a~~ most magnificent
sword by the men of Co. H.
(the Milford co) The sword cost
one hundred dollars. It is
the most splendid one I ever
saw. I was completely taken
by surprise. How gratifying
it is to me to be so much
thought of by my brave comrades
who fought with me and did
not skulk away in danger and
hide themselves in hospitals and
aid camps! O! what an un-
- der this is to the base tradu-
- cers!

A great number of those who

signed that slanderous document are
very sorry. They say Tobin and the
Cleary misled them. If I should
have an investigation they will
speak the truth and the arch
instigators will get their deserts.

How is my dear little
brother?

There has been a fight going
on about ten miles from here these
last two days but I do not know
the result.

You must manage about
a residence yourself love - continue
in Roxbury though. Give my kindest
congratulations to Mrs Wm Gleason.

Direct as usual to Washington

Yours ever
Grimm