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Headquarters 9th Mass. Vols.
Oct. 3rd 1862

My Dear Jennie:

Yours of the 28th ultimus
is received. I have written to Campbell.
In reference to that communication which
I sent to Searle, I say in the most positive
manner that I do not wish it to be pub-
lished in the form of a "Circular" or threat-
-bill. I will not put myself on a level with
my deluded vilifiers by pursuing a course
similar to theirs. If it has not yet ap-
-peared in that form forbid its publi-
-cation. I told Searle to publish it in the
Post. I wish so much of my communi-
-cation as is proper for the public eye
as well as that paper which the officers
signed and which I enclosed, to appear in
in some respectable paper - nowhere else.

Let my enemies go on - they
can do me no harm. I do not wish them
spoken of to me - I despise ^{and} defy ~~them~~.
Friends are enemies and enemies are friends.
This is the definition of the world. They neither can
inspire my love nor ~~or~~ rouse my hate. Jennie!

let them rip! Sishones can never be freed upon me.
Of course I expect to take my chances as to everything
else.

do send on my things immediately. I wish I
could send you on some money, but I have only
two cents in my pocket for the past month, and
if I could have found anything so cheap that it
might be purchased for such a sum I would not
have any. I expect our postmaster out every day.
I will send some when I get it. Did Mr. Seck
ever get up that song? if so, send me out a copy.
O'Donnell of Lewiston has been out here to see me.
He has gone back. Plunket is here now as an old
soldier. Father South returned to-day after an absence
of two weeks in Washington - sick. The regiment is
now full and looks splendidly. Scanlan, after loitering
a month in Washington came to camp yesterday. He
I put him under arrest, and he will be tried by
court martial. O'Leary has been going it here for
some time, but the other night he got so drunk
and disorderly that I also put him in arrest
He will be tried soon. You see I have enough
on hand for pastime. do remember me ever
so kindly to Miss Crespy Mrs. Meritt Mrs.
(I can hardly bear to call her "Mrs." its sounds so old
womanish) Mr. Elroy. Kisses to Lottie, lots of kisses
Quincy

P.S. Reminds me also of Mrs. Camp.
-her name. Looking down. Reminds me
moreover. let the man go!
B.