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Head Quarters 9th Mass. Res.
Oct. 25. 1862

My dear Jennie:

Yours of the 20th just received.
We are still near Sharpsburgh (Md. but expect to move from here every day. If we remain ~~here~~ (unexpectedly) I will probably go into Washington for a day or two when I may send for you by Telegraph to meet me there. But this is a mere hope.

As to that house affair, I am willing that you should do whatever you think best. I cannot send you the money, however, for some days after the first of the month. My advice is:
1st do whatever you find best for yourself and child. 2^d for my interest if I survive. I have a little fear that I may go home sooner than would be advisable in view of incurring so large an indebtedness as price of a house. I feel uneasy here under my Generals (some of them) and I must say that I am becoming disgusted with the prevailing military State-manship which is every day exhibited here. I may resign at any time, especially if my men

are allowed to furnish for want of blankets
and overcoats. I try hard to get them, but
no. No one here seems to be in deep
earnest in the Quartermasters dept. I cannot
bear such treatment of my brave men. I
complain, but it is no use. If men wish
for clothing they can get it by enlisting
out of volunteer regiments into the
regulars. The men do so sometimes. Some volun-
-teer regiments have lost dozens of men in
this way, I have lost only two thus far, but
it is getting cold. Our Generals are regulars
and from the regular army-volunteers
may go to the ~~deuce~~ devil as far as they
are concerned. I could say a thousand things
that you never dreamed of in the North
but enough.

If you buy that house be
sure and get safe title in your own
name too - not in my name. In buying
you should remember that taxes will
be very high hereafter and that real
estate will become of less value than now
but hurry for a home!

I am well, and hope
to hear from you every fine minutes and
to see you soon somewhere. Quincy