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to leave any of that clique here
They may see Burnside as they
served Pope. O! God, when will
men sink their petty preferences
and think only of success to our
arms?

Mr Regnier is in splendid
condition and discipline. I have
a thousand most flattering compli-
ments from regiments and
-rivers. I procured clothing for
these men at last. I do not
think I'll resign at present

I shouldn't wonder if
some morning I found myself
a "General" God, I think, was
always with me, and I believe
my course to be ever onward
! but I am content as I am,
for the present

Yours is dear, sweet,
Little Lollie?
Quincy

Mead Springs 9th/Man. Mts.

Camp near Salmons
Or. Nov. 25. 1862

My dear Jennie:

I received three letters
from you within two days. I receive
no papers whatever from any
source.

You think I do not write
so as that I may have the sport
of curing the heart-break when
I do write. Well, Jennie, what an
idea! It may be so. You know
I had not much time to plague
you while we were counting
so a little alternate breeze and
sunshine now will not be amiss
occasionally. For some reason or other
I do sometimes like to act those
I love - it is a shame, but I am
possessed - of an Irishman, not a d-
-l.

As you are so kind Jennie

I will ask you to send me some
flannel drawers and shirts - not
many you know. Have the mate-
-rial thick at all Maryland. I
am not particular about style
-but have them fit my neck
which is certainly a half inch
thicker than it was when I
was at home last. Arrange
them so that I can button
white collars. The shirts which
I brought out with me are
so small for me that I can-
not wear them. I have grown
much stouter. Send me a few
pairs of stockings - and some
pomade. Ain't I fancy for a
soldier? If Major Sutton has
a spare corner left, put in a
few drops of brandy. Since we
left Sharpsburgh, I have ^{had} nothing

either necessary or luxurious
but a pipe, hard bread, and coffee.
I have lived splendidly on them
though.

Plunkett has his commission
in his pocket. Let the North End
roar! I do believe that my
enemies (dehuded creatures) will
never cease until they help me
to a Generalship. Opposition is
sure to elicit the truth. I will
be the gainer. Never mind them
- they are really my most valued
- the friends.

I expect to receive my
votes from Washington in a few
days. Are you in that House yet?
I am very thankful to Mulroy
will write him soon. No prospect
of a fight here - no pay yet
I would speak to you about Father
Scully but I had rather not. Give love
as at Sharpsburgh. I am satisfied with
removal of McEllan and Porter. More
of them out ought to go. It is dangerous