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## Letter to Jennie Guiney, 1862 December 15

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Fredericksburg Va.  
Dec 15. 1862

My dear Jennie:

I send you a word this morning not because I have leisure I assure you, but to quiet any apprehension which you might entertain for my safety in the battles of the few past days. A report was current the 1<sup>st</sup> that I was killed 2<sup>d</sup> that I was wounded. I fear one or both of these have gone home. It is certain Jennie that I was not "killed", neither was I wounded. I am well. These reports arose, I presume, from the circumstance that a shell burst very close to me and smashed my sword. scabard into fragments leaving only about a piece hanging on the hilt. This was the one presented to me by one of the companies and of which you may have seen an account in the Pilot. The battle was severe, and I am sorry to say not successful for us. But we'll try them again. I enclose you a list of casualties occurring in my command Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Home it published. Plunkett fought finely, and is well.  
yours mls.



Washington D.C. Dec. 24/62

My dear Jennie;

At last I succeeded in getting a leave of absence for 48 hours. I managed to get some money (which by the way is very scarce here) and I send you on six hundred dollars. If you want anything else, buy it and let the money go to the devil. I am afraid that yourself and Lottie are in want of many things for your comfort. Mind your Jennie - your personal comfort is of more value and importance to me than all the world. And with this money which I send you I wish you, first to see to yourself. You must dress better. Be happy, for the world with its tempting promise is before me.

How much I would like to be with you tomorrow but cannot - I wish you my dear bosom angel "a merry Christmas - mas!"

Adieu

Frederic