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Headquarters 2nd Brigade
Feb. 11/63

My Dear Sam:

At last I have news to tell you about those boxes. The smallest one of the two boxes which you addressed to me at Sharpshooter, has arrived here. The bottles were all smashed and my dressing gown and pantaloons were preserved in jelly! I expect the other Sharpshooter box along with boots in a few days. Do you hear anything of Sutton's boxes?

I am getting along well and my health is good although I am more susceptible of cold than I formerly was.

There is no news afloat here just now. The army seems dreary and partially dead. We want a good shaking up of some kind. I like Hooker, but he inspires no

If the Country is to be broken - then
 we will have no Country to love or
 serve. Every man must find food
 for his affections in his own house.
 Will we be safe from want if tribula-
 -tion should ever come? It often has
 seemed to me that events in the
 future often impress me in advance
 of their coming. I hope my fear is
 groundless. But the Northern people
 are a failure and the Southern a
 success. My head gives me this idea -
 my heart would reverse it. It is of
 much use to quarrel with the inevita-
 -ble whatever it may be. God rules in
 Peace and War - in the circumstance and
 the catastrophe!

When you get little Lottie
 asleep kiss her for me.

Believe me, my dear
 Jennie, ever thoughtfully
 and fondly Yours,

Wm. Lloyd Garrison

enthusiasm. The Army of the Potomac
 was spoiled in its youth - its education
 was Idolism - not worship of the
 True God - McCellanism, not devotion
 to the Nation in its unfractured
 greatness. I find but very few whose
 views are congenial to me. I am
 weary of expressing my opinions. I would
 like to serve on to the end - to the tri-
 -umphal end - but how painful in
 the midst of men who are constantly
 talking down the Government! Giffen
 still holds his command - annoys me
 when he can - especially when my
 back is turned. I think a good deal
 and sleep little - sometimes I conclude
 to resign - then again I conclude
 to stay. At any rate, I am not
 so happy as I was. I think I see
 the South Independent - The South
 are becoming more united - the North
 more divided every day. If the
 process goes on what must the
 result be in a year?