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Hd Quarters 2d Brigade
Feb. 23. 1862

My dear Jennie:

I received two letters from
you two days ago - one in reference
to your dear Brother's death - and
the other speaks of those boxes.

My dear Jennie: words
which I could offer you in sympathy
thru your affliction, would be
cold ere they were read by you
for they should be warm when
uttered. Tears I cannot shed for
any one (so it seems to me) but of
this be assured Jennie, that affliction
endears you to me, as if would me
to you. The world has been unkind
to me in youth - very unkind, hence
I cannot always weep when you
do - what my heart has wished is
to love and be loved - and if the
loss of your loved brother has made
you more dependent upon me, your
affliction will develop in me a stronger

affection for you and a deeper
interest in the fulfillment of
your wishes. I almost envied the
brother that shared your affection
write me. If this seems selfish
I cannot help it. But God be with
him and be with God! He was one
of the few who redeem the charac-
-ter of man. I wish I was like him
but I never can be - I fear. Write me
whatever else you hear in reference
to his death - and his marriage.

About that box - there
was no coat nor boots in it - write
-ing but what I told you before. Perhaps
Coat and boots may be in next one.
If coat or boots were in the same
box with dressing gown and pantaloons
they are certainly lost - stolen in fact.

Pardon this hastily written
note if it seems to you an inade-
-quate reply to your two welcome
long letters.

Very Yours
Grimm