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Camp at Beverly Ford Cr.
Sept. 2. 1868

My dear Jennie

This evening I received your note of the 30th August. I am also in your debt for two received before. The box which you sent on has not yet arrived but I hope to get it with the usual speed or a little faster.

Now, I will tell you just what things I want in the clothing line. and I want a nice uniform pantaloons (you made one say it) ~~and~~ three pair of drawers (unmentionables) and three red flannel shirts (outside) and three flannel inside shirts.

Now do not send me the uniform pantaloons as I can get them cheap and made to order in Washington.

There is no tape in the regiment or you will have to guess the size

of my neck - You measured it with your
arms often enough - Make them about
as before.

The final result in Wainwright's & Ma-
-hans' cases is not yet known. The
only case decided up to this time is
poor Black's who was dismissed the
service and has gone off. You say Ma-
-han spoke ill of me - Well, darling, if
he did I had rather not hear of it.
Those fellows are entailed upon
me - I see no way of replacing
them with better men. You may
see ~~it~~ - but - I confess I cannot dis-
cover desirable successors for them
in the Regiment to which any choice
should necessarily be confined. It is
true there are good officers here but
what is the use - Gov. Andrew would
as readily disregard my
recommendation as to person and
give me another ~~man~~ man
instead of John - Another Wainwright
instead of Patrick. I cannot help

these matters - Or I am satisfied with
them so long as the authorities are
fit to leave them here - my duty is
simply to report their mis-deeds. Let
them talk and baffle away! I am
no craven that I should fear them -
I am not a fool - that I must rely
upon good or ill-will of others for my
destiny. If men - such men - try to make
life a hell for me - I feel that there
is enough undeveloped in me to change
the character of the reaction in toto!
Pray do not listen to such rehashes
of old yarns from story carriers
whose lips are singed with the malice
or meanness of their former pursuit.

My Ensigns have served - a
fine set of fellows - I like them very
much and have no trouble with them.

Col. Morse gave me your magazines and
a letter from Capt Philan. I am sorry
that Philan cannot get a mission in
Mass., but I expected as much for certain
reasons. Very Yours, My Love
Quincy