

## Letter 7

Head Qrs Provost Marshall Office  
Warrentown Va July 31<sup>st</sup> /63

Dear Cousin

I rec'd your very welcome letter Tuesday night together with eight from home and I assure you they were gladly rec'd. They being the first letters since Receiving yours at Yorktown.

The friends at home were all well when they wrote. The Girls would be at home the first of next month to Spend vacation. I rec'd a letter from Libbie this week. She was going home to spend a few week next month, & when she returned would join her Husband at Newbern N.C. So much for getting married during war time. There was a wedding in Groveland last week. You perhaps remember the lame Teacher who was teaching in our district during your visit with us. He was married to a Miss Ewart one of our nearest neighbors & by the way a very fine young lady. Success to the Cause.

Since leaving Yorktown we have been wandering a conciderable & I have at last reached this place July twenty fifth. In the first place we took Steamer to Washington & then by Balt & Ohio RR to Frederick Md. where we remained for two days waiting for Baggage which was cut off by a break in the R.R. & had the break taken place a few hours before we started we should have been sent to New York to quell the riot. The remainder of our Brigade are there they being behind us some six hours. The Reg't left Frederick for Berlin, a small Town on the Potomac fourteen miles aboveY(?). Remained there two days, crossed the River on Pontoons and takeing up our line of march along the eastern slope of the mountain untill we came near Manassas gap, then South east to this place via Salem. The country though which we passed was the best I have seen since we landed on the Sacred Soil. Most of it was excelent farming land. Saw considerable wheat standing in the Shock & most of last years crop was still in the Stack not threshed. Asked the reason of it not being threshed, they told me there was no market. Well I doubt it much as Flour is worth from thirty to Forty dollars C.S. per barrel . That would seem like a good market to a Yankee.

This was one a very fashionable Town it being near to the Sulpher Springs & frequented by visitors from all parts of the States. Now not a Store is open, and many houses are deserted. Very few males are left & what remains are better to us. Since we left Frederick we have been assigned to Gen'l Patrick's Hd Qre he being Provost Mar of the Army of the Potomac. That is why we are doing provo duty in this place. We expect to leave here soon. I think about Monday, as we are to be turned over to a Cavalry Reg't. Our Colonel returned from Washington last night. Has been absent in regard to our being mounted. He is a Cavelry Officer of the regular Army with twenty years experience & we are in hopes of making a Reg't that will do credit to the Service. We furnish most of our own horses. It is reported we go to Laurel hill Md to drill. I shall look in your next letter should I be favored for your Fotograph for which I shall wait patiently.

We have glorious news from the west that Morgan is a prisoner & I believe in your city. I trust he will get his just reward. Every thing at present looks encouraging & I pray we may soon see our country restored to peace. As it is near dinner time I must close this wandering letter with much love to all. I am as ever your affectionate Cousin. Sam

PS direct to Washington D.C.. Last week saw Cous Dan Kelly of 8<sup>th</sup> N.Y. Cavalry. He was very well.