

Head Quarters 23rd Regt Mich Vol Light
New Market, Ky Aug 13th 1863

Dear Wife

I received yours of July 28th and before yesterday I received one of later date and I take pleasure in answering them. I am well as usual and I hope you are in as good health we have warm weather now but I do not think it is any warmer here than it is in Michigan and I have seen warmer days in Saginaw than I have here the wether here is more steady and we have been blessed with a plenty of Showers to keep the dust down when we have had to march. This forenoon we got orders to hold ourselves in readiness to march at a moments warning) but that is not orders to move, but are liable to move at any time. We have not any intimation where we will go to but circumstance lead me to believe that we will go into East Tennessee. Col Chapin has been verry busy since we have been here to finish up our regiments business and I finished every thing this morning up to date and am some at leisure now and have only to attend to business as it comes along. I am gett acting Adjut and probably will for I cant tell how long our Adjut is on the Brigade staff and will stay there as long as Col Chapin commands the 2nd Brigade so some one will have to act

in his place and I think I am as likely to be the
one as any one else and more so as I am posted
in that position more than any one with us
and the Col ordered a horse for me this morning
consequently I think he will keep me acting as I
am now. It suits me very well and I shall not
complain. Do you may direct your letters to D. J. Keller
Capt 23rd Regt Mich Vol Infy 2nd Brigade
2nd Division 23. A. C. Louisville Ky until further
order. You wrote about some grave stones I think
you had not better get them yet as I shall not be able to
pay for them until I get mustered as Lieut and
I can not tell when that will be it may be some
time yet I am disappointed about it and can not help
it you will have to be equanimous as well as myself
and make 21 a month do us next pay day I will send
you the most of my wages, and I should have sent you
some the last time if I had not been disappointed I used
my money more freely than I should and bought me 11
some new cloths so I could appear decent among
other Officers. My old cloths were not fit to put shoulder
straps on so I got me a new coat and as I got Loney
I bought a new shirt and pants I get rid of them
which I said I was not the only Officer that got so when
we were on the Boat so I do not feel ashamed to tell of it
we have got rid of them in our regiment and I hope we will
stay so. I will write again as soon as I can and if we
are on the march and you do not hear from me regular
do not worry but consider me safe and do not believe
all of the bad news you hear from the army for we are
more comfortable than most of you think or are would
have all been dead long ago we will soon finish up this
war and return to enjoy the privilage we once did