

really, that the Army of the Potomac  
was soon to be divided up & sent S.  
& N.; that there would be little or no more  
fighting - along the Rappahannock,

But the prospect now is, that there  
will be a forward move, as soon  
as the weather becomes settled & the  
roads good. - I believe our Army ad-  
vanced towards Manassas, about the  
10<sup>th</sup> of March, last year, & thought they  
did get pretty well "struck in the mud."

The weather may be more favorable  
this Spring. - Miss. McSee & team  
stole came from Washington day before  
yesterday, bringing, with all their sub-  
lers' merchandize, my box, from  
Mrs. Baumerman's. - A great many of  
the things were wet, & somewhat dan-  
aged, as the gine was broken in two  
or three places, around the edges, & the  
water had got in. The eatables were  
mostly in <sup>pretty</sup> good order, though somewhat

all, having been 10 days on the way.  
We had oysters for dinner yesterday,  
using up one can, which was but half  
full. Though they did not taste fresh,  
still they made us a good meal. We shall  
try the other can tomorrow. The butter was  
very nice, & the wash-dish very conven-  
ient. The apples were nice, & soon eaten  
up. The lemons will do to flavor our apple-  
sauce. The fried cakes & cookies had al-  
most commenced to mould, but are not  
yet fast eating, I believe. The mince  
pies, of which we have eaten two, are  
excellent. We had some sausage fried  
for supper tonight, & it was very fine. —  
The tomatoes we have not yet opened, but  
if as good as the first can, they will prove  
a luxury. The stationery was partially  
damaged, by being wet, though but little  
was spoiled. It was a valuable box,  
& quite heavy. Ilek says me half  
of the cost of the articles, (as per bill) &  
half the Express charges. The enclosed

"Bill of Mdsce", was quite satisfactory,  
& next "Pay Day", I will remit to  
"Cady & Co." The requisite amount,  
for the payment of the same.

The Maj. said Gardner Clarke had not  
been at our house, when he called  
there, on Sunday. He expected to ar-  
rive at Rome Sat. night. He doubtless de-  
ferred his visit until coming back.

I wrote to Gustavus, on Tuesday,  
the 17<sup>th</sup>, (in answer to his letter of the 12<sup>th</sup>  
inst.) inclosing David Buff's order, for  
\$28. & a complete statement, of our  
account, including all the collection,  
& payments I had made for him. At  
the same time explaining various matters.  
All this was but a repetition of a let-  
ter written upon the 27<sup>th</sup> ult. which  
contained a statement of our A/c & the  
order, referred to. I hope he will re-  
ceive this last. -

On Tuesday night, after the snow, which  
had continued falling during the day, it

commenced raining, & continued during  
Wednesday, rapidly melting off the snow,  
until last night, hardly a vestige re-  
mained. Today it has been very clear  
& pleasant, though somewhat windy.

The Maj. says that the roads between  
here & the Landing are in the worst imag-  
inable state. Teams, with hardly any load  
were getting stuck. He had a pretty "tough  
time" walking up, - was tired out.

It is late, & I must go to bed, leaving this  
page to finish tomorrow morning.

Sat. Afternoon. - Nothing new

Today. Still pleasant, though quite windy.  
and rapidly drying up again.

I give my love to all <sup>the folks.</sup> & remember me  
kindly, to all inquiring friends.

Tell Gustavus that I have received offici-  
al information of the discharge of  
James B. Belmont, dated Dec. 2<sup>d</sup>. And I  
am also informed that Wm. Humphreys  
& James H. Jennings are discharged, &  
today I rec'd a letter from John McCar-  
roll, saying that he was discharged,  
at Alexandria. The first of next  
month we shall probably get Daly  
& Pratt disch'd, & then we shall have  
only 36 men & officers in the Co. present  
& absent.

Affectionately Yours Son  
Rush P. Cady.