

Washington D.C. D.C.  
 R.E.G. Sunday Eve

Dear Mother

Two Weeks ago this day I left home with the expectation of going at my business as soon as I arrived at Washington, but I have been very unhappily disappointed. I wrote you before that it would be altogether uncertain as to my receiving an answer provided you were to write. & now I am very sorry indeed that I did not tell you to answer our receipts of my letters. I have been over to the Office almost every day for the last week thinking perhaps that you may have written, but as I received the same answer (no) every day I concluded that you had taken my advice. Will Nichols left this place for Culpeper last Sunday & he requested me to stay here until I ~~had~~ received a letter from him. For my part I don't understand why I couldn't have gone along with him instead of staying here and paying one dollar per day for my board. I shall be obliged to borrow money here to pay my bill. The Army of the Potomac are at last on the move. All Army Officers now in Washington have received orders this morning to rejoin at Culpeper & you may expect to hear of a quite battle in a few days. I have had a delightful time here in Washington. Yesterday I was at the Patent Office where I passed away the time for an hour or two very pleasantly. I should like very much to hear from home but it is impossible at present as I shall not remain here another week and there is no telling where I shall go from here. Give my love to all & Miss Sais for me. I will write again



Next Sunday, I hope you did not forget to pay  
for Sunday for washing my shirts. Excuse everything,  
my pen is so poor that I can scarcely write at all.  
Will

Monday Mrs I have received  
my pass & will start for  
Coalfield this morning.  
Please not write unless you  
receive a letter from me  
Will

William  
Sunday eve  
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