

Camp in the field near Sulphur Springs Va. Aug 23 1863

My dear Wife:

As every that concerns me interests you. I feel it my duty to inform you of an important thing concerning my future. What I am about to communicate to you I wish to be locked within your own breast. There are to be raised two new Regts in Vermont. and I am anxious for promotion but I have never said a word to a single individual about it. Night before last Dr Childs as we lay in our bunks talking our things in general he told me about these Regts and said that I ought to have one of them, and said he would write the Governor about it. Which he has done. I will send you a copy of the certificate to the Gov in any behalf I do it more to show you how I stand with the Regt. Do not think I am vain nor foolish. But I am proud of the esteem and respect shown me by my fellow Officers, I may not seem, but I shant lose any thing by trying. You may ask why Col Jewetts name is not with the rest. The Col is in Vermont on a sick leave. But I know just how he feels about