

gain the full use of my leg
before long. From Thomas
I went over to see Capt. Shunk
& from there to the Quarter
Master to see if I could not
get him to give me a pas-
sage on the Columbia. I had
a letter from Shunk but the
Dr. M. told me he had no right
to give transportation to
any one on any but Govt.
Steamers, & the Columbia
was in private hands. He
promised to give me a pas-
sage on the first transport
when she came, & said he
expected her in a week
or two. I decided to come
by the Columbia & pay my

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My Dearest Mum

This is the last letter you
are going to be favored with
from this quarter of the globe
for some time - I had hope
so. The mail closed tonight
& I have waited until this
last so as to be more certain
of my plans. I intend to leave
here on the Columbia which
is up for the 19th, next Sunday.
She may not sail until Monday
or Tuesday however. Mr. Fu-
berlin is going in her, & I shall
thus be more certain of get-
ting all I need on the passage.
He called here last Sunday
and I asked him then to engage
my stateroom with his own,
which he promised to do. I
presume we shall reach N.Y.

about the 25th My wound is
looking as well as I could wish
& I have got the dressings down
to night & morning. My
general health is not so good
for I have constant fever &
terrible headaches all the
time. Part of it is owing to
my being without exercise I
suppose. I feel generally
out of order, & feel sure that the
sooner I am out of this the better
for me now. My leaving so soon
may put my leg back a little,
but that I will be more than com-
pensated by the good I shall gain in
other ways. It is one month
today since I was shot & here
I am just beginning to try my
crotchets. Had I been hit on the
Peloponnesus I should almost have
been ready for Gen. Meade en-
sagements. Difference in
climate. I went out yesterday
for the first time, & today have
been out nearly all the morning.
Of course I took a carriage
& had to drive slow, but there is a
good deal I have to do before I can
get off & I want to finish it up.
Yesterday I went down to the
St. James Hospital to see Dr.
Homans & get his opinion as to
my going so soon. He was in
a hurry of course - all the
doctors are here, but said
it was the best thing I could
do. I asked him why it was
I found my leg so utterly useless
when others who had worse wounds
were walking about. He told
me the muscles above had all
been cut away, & it would take
some time for them to heal up.
There is not the slightest dan-
ger though but what I shall

hot there in summer to be
pleasant - I know from last
summer's experience.

As yet I know nothing
of the plan of action for the
summer save that you are
all going to the Beach. Does
that same include both Russ
& Ed? I am very glad you are
looking for a house, only
be sure to get far enough up
town! If we go up at all
it will often necessitate a
ride to the office instead of a
walk, & then two or three blocks
make no difference. Look
out for me soon, & am with
lots of love & a long kiss
I say Good Bye!
Your loving
Appoline

passage for, as I said before,
I shall thus be sure of what
attendance I may need, & again
the accommodations are
very much better, & the living
ditts. The Doctor has told
me all along to live just as well
as I could, drink plenty of Claret,
& keep quiet. The transports
have generally nothing but army
rations served out & are often
detained here several weeks
before returning. All these
taken together I thought would
balance the passage money.
Mr Lubertin will pay it for
me of course, for what I took
from Mr Williams will only
just about cover my expenses
down here & pay off the few
last debts. I believe Ed Sherman
is to have the honor of going
North on the same steamer

The vets have treated him worse
than they have one by long odds
although we are both old sticks.
This morning I went off to
see about my Pass. First I
went to see Gen Bowen & he re-
ferred me to Gen Emery. The
latter informed me that as I was
wounded while on Paines Staff I
should have to get a furlough
the same as any other Officer.
I finally brought him to reason
& he promised to send it round to
me some time before Sunday.
Then I had to go to Col. Dwight's office
& then to Capt. Killbuck's. From
them up to Canal St. & back to Capt. when I arrive in N. Y. & if so
K's. I took the oath of allegiance I shall come on, for a few days
again - this makes the tenth at least, for I want ever so
times I think! and get a pass much to see you & assist
to clear my baggage etc. Then I
came home & now I'm about
tired out. I got your letter
27 July last night. All I
can say is it's queer where the
letters all go to. I don't know
how many I've written since I
was hit, but quite enough for
you to have had one each week
at least. I hope now you
& enjoying driving, bathing &c.
I don't suppose you'd rather
men to stay there all summer
but will go off to Portsmouth
overboard somewhere, before
long. It is rather too stupid a
place to live in many ways.
Perhaps you may be there
when I arrive in N. Y. & if so
I hope though you
will not stay in N. Y. City till
I arrive for it's rather too