Millard's Hotel  
Washington July 23, 1861

Dear Mary Ann,

Rev. D. Torry, John Kendal Perry & My Self, went to Alexandria Saturday Eve. from Thence we advanced Sunday with the 3d Kebt Rgt. and a detachment of 35 of the 32nd N.Y. Vol. who were left in Camp when regiment marched a few days before.

We went by R.M. to Fairfax Station. Thence we moved in advance of the D.R. Rgt. with the 32nd boys and arrived the battle field just in time to see the division of our Army make its famed strict line attack.

We advanced after golden
left us at their retreat. After we made our way further on, we
found some of our Army rallying it forming. Now it was 8 P.M., and our
party got separated. I went to look them up. First
found Mr. Perry, next
found Perry, and finally
found Kendall, and we
reached down the road to
3 Court St. with the wagon
stragglers, baggage of army about
our miles. Then we turned
to the right across fields half
a mile, got supper at an
Inn called farin house. Strolled
to bed about 10 P.M., slept
well till 2 A.M. A few day
morning when Kendall
(who could not sleep) awoke
me, and whispered to me that
he heard a noise about the
house that made him
think we were betrayed
by our host and would be
surrounded. He called up the servant,
paid our bill, said it was
left, and our march
back to Alexandria.

Very daylight it began to
rain, we reached Alexan-
dria about 2 P.M. in a
drenching rain after a
steady march of 23 miles.

Stood, sore, and tired, could
not pass the line at Alex-
and had to stay there till
this A.M. when we got
a pass to cross the line,
and walked to Manal 10
miles. We have some
troops. Perry thinks
he has seen enough of
war.
I think he will start for home in day or two. I shall not remain here a great while before I leave for home.

The 32 My has got back to Ossipee all well & none killed or wounded.

I think the other boys have safe offens and won't require any hospital stores.

Yours affectionately,

E. Cornell

Mary Anne