Camp of the 12th N.Y.
2nd Battery
Near Vaughan Road
Feb 26th 1849

Dear Mother

Having a few leisure moments I thought I would write you a letter. I am well and enjoying myself first rate

Our battery was paid off yesterday — and I can assure you there were many pleasant faces when the paymaster made his appearance. I was paid one hundred dollars — I owed the butter and some of the boys in battery some money, and I shall want to keep some myself — I have fifty dollars

which I wish to send home but I dare not send it at present for fear it might not go through safe, but I shall send ten dollars home in this letter ~~if~~ if I can get the change, And if that goes through safe I will send more — What money I send home you ~~must~~ may take and use it as you see fit — I commenced this letter yesterday but have not had time to ~~[illegible]~~ finish it until Sunday — we have been sweeping up the park and cleaning off the ~~[illegible]~~ preparatory to an inspection to ~~[illegible]~~ — To-morrow we will ~~[illegible]~~ be ~~inspected~~ mustered for

two months pay and
our ~~first~~ second installment of bounty which
will amount to ~~one~~
65 sixty-five dollars —
I received a letter from
my grand Father ~~you~~
and I will answer it as
soon as I have an opportunity — We are under
marching orders and
are liable to move at
a ~~notice~~ moment notice
It has rained considerable during the
past week — and it
is very muddy at present — It is very warm
~~[illegible]~~ here for this
season of the year — If
the mud ~~[illegible]~~ dry's up soon
you may look for some
important move in this

vicinity — You need not send me any money — if you have not presented the order against Mr. Bifell you can keep it and use when you most need it — you can use the order for your self — I have not time to write more so I will close by bidding you all a kind fare well.

Yours in haste

Geo. D. Barringer
11th N.Y. 2nd Battery
Washington
D.C.

P.S. Since I wrote this letter I have changed my mind — Lieut Graves was just in my tent and said he was going to City Point — and I sent thirty dollars by him to send to you by express — you will notify me when you receive it — G.D.B.