Emory Hospital
May 22nd 1865

Dear Mother

Your very kind and welcome letter of of May 8th P.M. 14th was received today and I can assure you that I was glad to hear from you — It is the first time that I have not heard from home in over a month — The money and postage stamps arrived all safe — I am now getting so that I enjoy the ~~best of~~ mending good health — I got so that I have a good appetite and am gaining strength very fast — I got so that I can walk all over within the hospital grounds

I suppose that I will be transferred from here to Philadelphia to-morrow ~~or~~ or next day I had my name taken for that purpose night before last From Philadelphia I suppose they will transfer ~~me from~~ me to my own state — and there they will discharge me — You may expect me home some time between now the fourth of July — ~~they~~ The armies lying around Washington daily will pass in grand review to-morrow & next day — You spoke of your not hearing from my Father — It is in now my conviction that he has died by starvation within this with in some rebel ~~dungeon~~ rebel dungeon — I have long hoped that such was ~~not~~ not

the case — But all in vain —
Since our armies have been so victorious and all the minor soldiers have been exchanged or delivered over to us — everything goes to prove that cannot be living. Such a death is most ~~horrible~~ horrible to think off — but we must bear up under such burdens of sorrow as ~~long~~ best we can.

You spoke of ~~S.~~ F. Beasley being N.Y. ~~Cit~~ City — I may possible see him when I get there — I presume I shall get ~~ho~~ in New York ~~in~~ City — I ~~have~~ have not ~~since~~ anything more to write so I will cose ~~h~~ You need not write untill you hear from me again

Your affectionate son

G. D. Barringer

N.B. I forgot to stat that I had had the very best of care taken of me since I have been sick — the most the fact I can find is that I have been moved about considerable — but I now we well enough ~~to~~ so that will not ~~tire~~ tire me much to travel — G D Barringer