Camp of 11th N.Y. Battery
March 17th 1863

Dear Sister

I received your very kind and welcome letter of the 12th last evening and I thought I had better answer ~~the~~ it to-day being I had considerable spare time. I was glad to here from you — You seemed to complain because I ~~did~~ do not write often enough — I am sure I try to write home as often as possible — I have written home once or twice a week — and this week I have written ~~whom~~ a letter home everyday this week and if that is not sufficient I will write twice a day.

you must not think that
I have nothing to be said
rite — for such is not the
case — I have had more time
this week than I generally have
When I write home I do
so calculating that you will
all hear ~~from~~ from me —
You should recolect the old
Mexican "that those who live
in glass houses should not
~~commence~~ commence throwing stones" —
Next time you accuse me
of not writing often enough
you had better try and set
an example — I presume that
~~ere~~ ere you receive this you
will have become settled
down in your new residence
Whose house are you a
going to live in —
I was sorry to hear of my
friend Wm Bartlett

It does not seem possible that such a change could take place in so short a time. When I parted with him a few months ago he was robust and healthy but now he is sleeping within the silent tomb. I join with friends and relatives in their bereavement. He has always proved to be a great friend of mine. Disease sometimes makes havoc both at home and in the army. I sometimes think that it has full as ominous effect upon our army as the bullets. Some of the boys have been in the Irish Brigade to see the of the Emerald Isle celebrate St Patric's day. It is said that they had horse

races, foot races, climbing the ~~grease~~ grease poll and several other novel performances — I should think that they had a merry time by the appearance of those who have come ~~back~~ back — some act as if they had had a chance of smelling of a quantity of bourbon if not of tasting it — the postage stamps were received —

We have not moved yet but our army is very busy making the necessary preparations for an ~~active~~ active campaign. We are having very warm and pleasant weather here at present, I have not time to write more so I will close ~~hopp~~ hoping to hear from you soon

Yours truly

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