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Letter from Charlotte [last name unknown] (Laurel Grove, Fairfax Co. Va.) to Henry Carlton, January 23, 1863

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Lanuel Grove, 1863.

Fairfax Co. Va. Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1863

Lieut. Henry S. Barton.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of Jan. twelfth is just received, we are much pleased to hear of your safe arrival at your destination, and also that you were so joyfully welcomed by your old friends it is pleasant after so long an absence to meet with a warm reception. Lieut. Pross left us a week after you left your Regiment, he applied to Gen. Mough for an order and obtained it from him we have not heard from him since he rejoined his Regiment, consequently I know nothing concerning

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The difficulties he may have had to  
encounter there: I know that he suffered  
much anxiety before he left. I trust  
his affairs have assumed a brighter  
aspect and that his troubles were only  
imaginary ones. Have you seen  
Col. Prescott? we heard from him  
last week, he enquired after "you and  
the other Officers." his letter remains  
unanswered. We have had a house  
full of company for more than a  
week and I have had no oppor-  
tunity to write. I am writing to you  
this evening with ever so many sitting  
around me chattering like Maypole's  
part of the time to me, therefore I  
am compelled to divide my attention  
give part to the conversation and the  
other part to this letter: so you see  
your chance for anything interesting  
is small. Brother Wilson called to  
see Sergeant Pratt and found

him much improved, we expected  
to send for him this week, to come  
and make a visit, but have  
had so many we had no accommodations, as soon as we get alone  
we shall send for him.

We hear so many rumors from the  
army that they make us anxious  
about the safety of our friends.  
I am almost forgetting how to play  
Chequer it so long since I played  
a game, no one here plays now that  
the Lieut. is gone. I will have to  
wait until some of you return.  
Mr. Mackay has not been here  
for some time owing to the troops  
having seized his business does  
not call him this way.

What lovely weather we are having,  
this evening it is like Spring  
to warm and bright it has rained  
for three days without intermission.

all predicted a change in the weather  
but it is the reverse, only warmer than  
before the rain, instead of cold and  
snow. So much mud must be a  
disadvantage in moving the troops, the  
poor soldiers must dread to encounter  
the

My mother & brother desire to be  
kindly remembered to you. We shall  
be pleased to hear from you as often  
as circumstances will permit.

With many wishes and prayers that  
God may preserve you from every  
danger.

I am

Yours,

True friend,

Charlotte.

Lieut. W. J. Carlton

15th Reg. N. Y. S. T.