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Fairfax Co. Va. Jan. 23rd 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 is 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. Mackey 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 to day 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.