

Penn Hospital Aug 3/14

Dear Brother,

I expect to go to the Chesapeake Heights this morning and am afraid I shall be gone before you come. I saw rather slim and the doctor says I must go to Fort Monroe. Now could you command acting as Lt at once and you want to hurry and get mustered. Capt Lewis or Donny can tell you what is necessary to be done. I think I have got a Uniform Coat in my trunk plenty good enough for this Campaign. You had better study all you have time to. If you have command of a Co. or strike it won't do for you to be familiar with the men. You being a stranger in the Regt. the men will try you, to see if you are going to be easy or hard. I should not have much to say to them at first, only on business, until you know

who it will do to be familiar with. Be
very careful when in the front Post & not expose
yourself to the fire of Sharpshooters. There is a
difference between bravery & recklessness. Do
your duty but keep out of danger as much
as you can & not shrink duty. Lt. McLean
owns me ten \$100 dollars borrowed money which
you can get if he is paid. Jas. Armstrong Co. No.
owns me three dollars which I had the
other day. He promised to get it from Capt Buckner
as soon as he saw him

Now take care of yourself
I will write as soon as I get news.

Give my regards to the Officers. Tell
Capt Lewis that I shall come back as soon as
I am able. You can have Ellis to wait upon you
& I have got a bundle of old clothes with which I'm
what you can take. Your Brother
I sent you ten dollars by Capt
die you & it?
Henry.