

Philadelphia Sep 19th

Your letter from Wilmington my dear Ben has just arrived as soon as my blister heals I mean to make you a visit now that we can be comfortably accommodated Mrs Gadow told me on Saturday she would call for me the first time she went to Camp I fear however she will go too soon for me and have a prospect of being confined to the house some days. My fever is certainly abated since the above application. I think the torture of a large blister should remove disease or it could never be borne with fortitude. in the midst of suffering Gardette paid us a visit and I had my teeth cleaned thinking a great pain would subdue the fever which was actually the cure.

We are all well and since the good news from our friends in fine spirits - God Bless and preserve you my beloved

Brother prays your fond Sarah Gatz

Remember next Saturday is Kipur a double Sabbath! I trust we shall see you before then.

I am glad, My Dear Ben, to hear you are restored to something like civility - you will feel pleasant if it is only from a distant view of the smoke that curls round the chimney of a domestic habitation -

Tho' you have philosophy enough to bear & be satisfied with the hardships of a camp life - some less regulated spirits have given utterance to their opinions - and we gather that comfort was very distant from Kennebec Square, particularly during the late rains -

our dear Sally continues much the same, we have today got a nurse for her, as her nights are much disturbed and she is not satisfied with my attendance, her health is pretty good - she was down stairs this morning and until the blister was applied, walked out every day. I very much fear you will soon have Jas. at camp, his company have agreed to separate, and leave that part behind who are unwilling to go - I shall never acquire bewitchment - it is almost too much to part with all our dear dear brothers on such an occasion - May the Great God of Israel protect you all! by the leave of this you will receive the clothes sent for, may I not send you worsted socks next time? cotton is certainly not warm enough for camp, and worsted would preserve you from taking cold from wet feet - the luxury of five lines, you perceive I do not bestow very liberally - travelling is so destructive to them, that I intend having some coarse ones made for you - (with permission) as well as Jas should be determined on joining you. You will likewise receive one day's ration of salt beef & all we had build - I hope we shall be better able to supply

Leah. Benjamin Gates

Washington Guards

Dear Wilmington

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