

Phila Decr 28th 1862

your letter Dearest Ann
deeply interest me. My dear Ben
sent me a newspaper yesterday,
announcing that our Bernard
was appointed Aid to the Command-
ing Genl. which reaches my woman's
heart too nearly, considering what
my beloved brother has already
suffered. May God shield him in
the hour of danger. The duties of the
times bring us in perils of which
our forefathers had no experience.
The bitterness of civil war, never
appeared more formidable than
at present, which added to Indian
outbreaks seems like judgement
on our devoted country.

Chivalry in ancient romance
was considered a noble passion
but our Southern enemies give
an honorable name to the most
barbarous actions - our folks are
either too dull, or too confident of
superiority to conquer or defeat
them