



Camp Provost Guard Va. March 17/63
Dear Farther & Mother:

Although I've not heard from you since I wrote last, I am going to write you a few words to let you know I'm yet alive and well. The weather is the same as in March at home, only not quite so cold, and a thunder storm, now and then; it is very muddy and is very unpleasant traveling; I shall be glad when the muddy season is over, for I'm heartily sick of it.

We have got paid off up to the first day of November and the amount was 22.10 I had to go to Washington to get it and took the opportunity to go round and see the sights.

I went to the White House and went into the famous East Room where the president receives his company. It is furnished up in the most costly style.

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Date: March 17, 1863
Description: Leonard Valentine letter from Virginia

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all over it; it is a fine building and must
have cost an immense sum of money by
the time it is finished. it covers 3 1/2 acres
of ground.

I send you 5 dollars, by this
letter and if it reaches you safe I will
send some more in my next.

I have not
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shall do so as soon the roads become
dry.

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