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## Letter to Margaret E. Cahill, 1861 November 22

Thomas W. Cahill

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On Board Steamship Constitution  
Harbor of Portland State of Maine

Nov 22 1861. 8 o'clock A M

My Dear Wife I avail myself of the ship  
coming to anchor to enable me to drop you  
a few lines simply to announce myself  
the 8<sup>th</sup> and all hands able to eat a hearty  
breakfast after one of the sickest  
nights ever put in by mortal men  
I do not believe save the ship crew  
that there was a dozen men aboard  
ship that were not sea sick. we had  
a very rough Passage from Port on which  
Port we left at 1 o'clock P.M. yesterday  
arriving at this Port at <sup>one</sup> 1<sup>o</sup> o'clock this morning  
I do hope we shall not have another attack  
the Dr<sup>m</sup> held out bravely laughing at all hands,  
and prescribing all sorts of ridiculous  
remedies but he had to come down at last  
the poor chaplain was terrible sick Port  
all night this morning; he goes ashore this morning

to communicate with the Bishop  
of Portland with reference  
to the Maine Regt. I have not  
left the ship since I saw you I have  
had a busy time stealing every opportunity  
to run our camp equipage and private  
baggage on Board the 26<sup>th</sup> Regt had such  
an Everlasting lot of Equipage and Baggage  
that when I looked out on the dock &  
made up my mind that we  
stood a poor chance of getting our  
stuff on Board unless by strategy  
so I set my men at work running our stuff  
on Board at every possible chance and  
finally succeeded in getting every <sup>thing</sup>  
that was brought to the dock on  
Board not so the 26<sup>th</sup> they left a  
large quantity behind and Col  
Jones was like a merry man  
the rest of the material will be forward  
ed by a ~~transport~~ by a sailing  
vessel which will sail in a very  
few days Quarten Master Harrall

I shall leave behind at Boston  
to see to the rest of our Equip-  
ment being obtained and forwarded  
you can write to him and send that  
check or note payable to his order for  
me direct to Lieut. W. H. Harrell  
Quartermaster of the Regt C. U. and he will  
get gold for it and bring it on to me  
that is if you have not forwarded it to  
the address of Capt. Proctor, there  
is another gentleman on Genl. Butlers  
Staff you might communicate with in  
the absence of Capt. Proctor in case  
he should be absent that is Capt.  
Haggerty it would be well for you  
to look up the list of officers of  
Genl. Butlers staff it was published  
shortly after we went into camp it  
will give you the titles of the officers  
and if you fail to hear from one you  
can try another I will write you again  
at the first opportunity I have not yet  
ascertained our destination as we sail

under sealed Orders we take the Maine  
well on Board here I do not think  
of anything more at present  
and must hurry up as the Du arden  
is waiting to take this Letter I wish  
you would answer Father & Anns Letter  
for me I will take any opportunity  
I may meet at sea to write you  
try and make yourself as comfort-  
able as possible Give my Love to  
all enquiring friends Kiss the  
Babies for me and I remain  
Your loving husband  
Thos W. Cahill