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## Letter to Margaret E. Cahill, 1863 January 19

Thomas W. Cahill

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New Orleans Jan 19<sup>th</sup> 1862  
10-30 P.M.

My Dear Wife

The Frigate St Marys  
Sails to-morrow. I think our 2<sup>d</sup> Asst  
Surgeon has been Ordered home by the State  
Authorities I do not know for what reason  
he has ~~not~~ <sup>not</sup> been mustered into the <sup>United</sup> States  
Service & is under their control; I have not  
received an answer to request for a furlough.  
On Sunday the Asst Genl sent me a note  
Wishing to see me about my resignation. I was  
not able to go so I sent the Jn he was told my  
resignation could not be accepted, but was  
given to understand, I might renew my appli-  
cation for a furlough. I have done so but no  
answer yet. The Medical Examiner to whom was  
referred my case has ~~not~~ <sup>not</sup> endorsed the application  
so ~~it~~ is all right so far; I am not fit for active  
service I am afraid some of these Mail Steamers  
will be caught by the Ore so Rumour makes us of  
another disaster at Galveston in the loss of



the Brooklyn Sloop of War  
It is said she has grounded  
and thumped to pieces on the Bar  
the Navy is going to the old Dory  
I am disappointed in not receiving my  
Letter to day I was sent in this morning  
time it is almost too soon to expect it  
all is quiet at Baton Rouge these 9 mon  
th fellows are crying about going  
home already. I had no letters by the  
last mail of Sunday. by the Columbia  
~~there is three steamers~~ now due here if  
the Alabama or Oneto has not caught  
~~th~~ them they will catch some of them  
soon I see it is stated on the authority  
of the naval officer before Mobile that the  
Oneto is in that Harbour I know there has not  
been an Ocean Steamer within the last six weeks  
as she is in the Gulf, and they will find it  
out pretty soon it must have been her that  
sunk the Harbinas at Galveston. The Dr is well  
and sends his regards all are well here but  
disappointed in the last mail Give my regards  
to all enquiring friends why does not Father write  
me. Kiss the Babies for me Love to Ellen I hope to be  
with you for a while soon your loving husband  
Thos W Cahier