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## Letter to Margaret E. Cahill, 1863 August 12

Thomas W. Cahill

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Wms Tho. W. Cahill  
227 Franklin St.  
New Haven  
Conn

Relinquish of death  
Garry & Scott.

Trip to New Orleans,



urging Mother's visit to N. C.  
1863.

New Orleans Aug<sup>th</sup> 12/63  
11- P M

My Dear

At never Reins sent it forwards  
to morrow morning Lieut. Garry T. S.  
Cott leaves on a furlough, The Quis  
writing home and I think is ene  
acragen Mrs G. to come out here  
he says he has advised her to call  
on you and to have you come  
out too I tell him it is altogether a  
different question to move a wife  
and one baby and moving a wife  
a sister and three babies But if we  
can find a furnished house of the re  
ght kind and location I am very  
much tempted to say come any how  
always supposing we are to stay here  
as I think at present we will. I want  
to have another "Army Corps" down here  
the 13<sup>th</sup> under Major Genl. Ord of Grants



Army. Gen<sup>l</sup> Franklin will have Comm  
and of the Army on what is left of it  
after the 9 months men go. and Genl  
Banks will Command The Whole  
The Defences of New Orleans to be a  
separate Command and to rep  
ort direct to Genl Banks I rather  
like this arrangement as it looks  
like our remaining here and  
if Genl Emory remains as it now  
looks, shall like it all the better  
I think a trip South would help  
Ellen as I think it would all of you  
the question of Expenses is of course  
a heavy one I do not know what they  
would charge for the children nor  
what they charge for adults from New York  
but it is not less than sixty dollars. Scott  
will Enquire as he goes home and let you  
know what he learns he used to be our Hospital Steward  
and is a fine young man you can trust  
to what he tells you. If I can learn anything by  
the next mail from the Quartermaster here



as to whether I can get any favours from  
them I will also let you know I have no  
expectation of our getting board and for  
us here less than <sup>4</sup>5 each for adults, I think  
I can hire a splendid furnished house here  
from the Quarter Master for thirty dollars a  
month, that would be for me <sup>2</sup>18 a month and <sup>12</sup>42  
for the Dr, I allow <sup>4</sup>3 each a week for us three <sup>9</sup>9  
= 36 per month <sup>4</sup>18 + 36 = 54 per month  
say sixty, it costs me now forty so that I  
think that with hiring a house together we  
can live cheaper than now and better than  
now - if I can get the house which I will soon  
enquire about at once I think we can do  
it particularly while I have the Brigade  
which brings me about fifty dollars for commutation  
and things promise to be cheaper if the Bureau  
keeps open, so that if you have courage to try it  
I think we may say come, as soon as I can fire  
it here, and one winter can't kill us any  
how it will not be such a terrible job  
for you as you can not be on the water more  
than 8 days any how



I suppose you will be troubled about the  
house but I do not think it will hurt  
A to stand idle one winter. I suppose it  
would be necessary for you to bring the  
bedding and some table furniture as  
I do not expect you would find them  
here even if we got a furnished house.  
Still we might do so. I will sit  
two or three times a pulling soon we  
might make a better arrangement than  
in some family here than that I have  
spoken of and we have two months yet  
to work in. I think the Dr will buy  
Mrs Gout any how I do not see why  
should hesitate, I would <sup>not</sup> in his own  
instances whether we move or not  
I think you had better get the mortgages  
on record and look about you to  
be ready to move at short notice if we  
can get things to suit here. As is getting  
late and I must quit. Give my love to  
Ellen and Miss the babies as usual. I  
wish you could have one winter out here  
I do not think you would ever want to  
leave it

Your loving husband

Thos W. Abell