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## Letter to Margaret E. Cahill, 1863 August 26

Thomas W. Cahill

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Head Q<sup>rs</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> Brigade 4<sup>th</sup> Division  
19<sup>th</sup> Army Corps  
New Orleans Aug 6/63

My Dear Wife

I wrote you last night, and forgot to say that I have received the Papers sent on by M<sup>r</sup> Herritt, and that it will be extremely difficult for me to do as he desires. I am not connected with the Regiment in a Regimental sense and have not been since last October, consequently have no control over the Books or the Officers except in the line of their duties. The Acting Adjutant is a young man who knows but little about his business and would hardly be competent to do the work he desires even if willing, however if we seem likely to remain here I will try to get it finished up for him even if I am obliged to pay the Adjutant for it.



nothing new has occurred since  
last night I have had no expla-  
nation as yet for the marching  
Orders Received last Sunday but  
do not anticipate that they can  
be carried into effect some body  
must be left here and my Comm  
and is so scattered as not to  
be available for a move and I thi-  
nk is intended for the defence  
of New Orleans and surround-  
ing Country there is quite a  
scuffle going on in the 1<sup>st</sup> Briga-  
de of this Division, between Col Pi-  
nger of the 13<sup>th</sup> Conn. who is now in  
Command, and a Col Morgan of  
the 90<sup>th</sup> New York, this one is at prese-  
nt under arrest and being tried by  
a Court martial, but he vows as  
soon as he gets through he must have  
the Command, It is fun for me as  
this Pinger is working like a beaver  
for a Brig<sup>d</sup> ship he is a nephew of



Buckingham so I suppose will get  
it. At present I am all Right as in  
the Command I have & get what  
none of the other Cols (incl<sup>d</sup> Brigades  
get that is my Commutation for  
Fuel to Evansens. so let them look  
at it I say nothing about it as I  
do not want to call their attention  
to it. This is owing to my serving in the  
City, I do not think it is fair but it  
is the Law, and as they are all so  
Confounded anxious to Command  
Brigades why let them do it for nothing  
if they like, the money suits me better  
but Lord how they would flame if  
they knew it. But I am Cuck of  
the walk as far as the Cols are Concer<sup>d</sup>  
red as I am senior to them  
Mason Maker wants me to let him  
know what he can do to urge my  
Claims as Brigadier when he gets  
home. But I dare not say much to him  
or in fact to anyone about it, although



I feel myself Entitled to it  
all I Can say is that if a Conne-  
cticut Man joins to me in  
this department gets it before I  
do I shall very probably resign  
and come home. But I do  
think I am earning my pay  
very easy at present particu-  
larly with the Commutation

All that I have writtin to you  
about coming out is of course left  
to your own discretion. I should  
be glad to have you do so if you  
think you can arrange affairs and  
make the Children come right.  
I feel quite positive that we are to  
remain here some time.  
I must Close this to get it on the  
mail

Your Loving husband  
Thos W Cahill