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Head Q^r 9th Corps Co's

Fennallytown D.C. August 11th 1864

My Dear Wife.

9 - P.M.

Yours of the 9th came to hand at 4 P.M. to day as you have received mine of yesterday saying that I had bought a horse your anxiety on that score is relieved, I am also pleased to say to you. That Father Leo is coming too, ^{very much} he left my quarters last night, after a long and very careful talk on my part, with the determination that unless the Government furnished him a horse free, that he would not be mustered into service, for which purpose he visited Washington to day. he returned this evening in a little better frame of mind, bringing some papers for me to sign to complete his musters, he had some talk with authorities in Washington and received a letter of introduction to Gen Grover who commands our Division, who he says received him very kindly and assured him he would not have any occasion for a horse as we were not going to leave here for a long time, and that he was very glad to see him both the Command as he always found Catholic priests useful, being a very compulsiue person this has pleased him mightily and

he seems content to go to work, and take things as he finds them
which if he does things will go right. I believe I have written
you asking if I left a pair of large Russel Colored Saddle
Bags there, as I might possibly want them, If so I
will send for them, There is also another Matter I inte
nd to enter a Claim for the horse I lost on Ship
Island, on which a board of survey before I left the
Ch report I sent home from the Island you will
readily recognise it, there is also another paper
which I may require which is the original bill
of sale of the horse from Major Welch, brother
I have written the Major about an affidavit on
the subject, from his brother, I mean to get the
money if it can be done, to make up the horse I have
lost, I just got him in time as I am to report
with the Regiment for fatigue duty about 3 miles
from hence at daylight ^{tomorrow} clearing away brushwood
in front of fortification and it will save me some
marching, I almost kill the other field officers to
have to go at it all around, you must not send me
anything at present unless the Saddle Bags and if
you send them if they are there, Go up Garnett
and pick up some leather traps from the saddle
bag stuff bag of 18 to 36 inches in length with

a Buckle in one end of them, and as near half
an inch in width as you can find them I may
want four such straps, My impressions there are su-
ch among them, they would be Reins for the Bundle
and if you have the Bags to send, put them in them
I do not need any clothes in fact have kept more than
I wish I had, Send me the Report if you find
it by mail, and ask some good pen man to di-
rect it for you, in the usual manner, we are
very comfortably situated here it is hot weather
but healthy very high almost Mountain Land
we have comparatively no sick notwithstanding the
late hardships the men are very quiet and well
behaved, Michael M^r Donnell is in the
Judiciary Square Hospital from a wound be-
low the knee, will go to see him & go into
the city, he is doing well Lieut Kennedy has
gone to Hospital at Annapolis M^d.
Say something about M^r & in all your letters
as I am asked about it it is very late and
I must be up at 2 o'clock so good night
and God bless you all
Thos W

I have written to her
that one letter
from where you stay
is I suppose I will
not be a day or two
a few days