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Camp Observation
Dear Mother
I received a Letter a few days ago from Sarah [Sarah C. Fulton], She says You want to know what to do with the 12$ that McCartney payed to You, You may keep the $12 for Yourself, And when he pays the other 12, you can divide 7$ of it betwen Ana [Anna R. Fulton] and Sarah [Sarah C. Fulton] And I want Them to take the other 5$ And buy steoreotipe views for that instrument which I made, They can get some good views for $5 And They can choose them to please themselves,,, They might get some views of deferent buildings in diferent Citys of Europe,,
We expect to get some more pay in a week or two And I will send mine home either by Mail or by Express...And You can put it in the bank with the other,,,They have been drilling in pretty hard lately in Regiment And Brigade drill, in Brigade drill They put Us through all the Movements of Battle with about 3000 men, And to hear the Men hollering And running in all directions And changing the line of battle and some divisions forming in squares And charging bayonet would make one think that it was a battle,,,
They have been drilling some of the men in ambulance drill lately so I think they must expect an action soon, in this drill they go through the movements of picking up wounded men some men run and fall down as if they were shot and other men run up with stretchers and pick them up and run with them to the ambulance wagons, and when the wagon is full they drive it off at full speed, then men lay on the stretchers laughing as if it was fun, but they may lay on the same place with a leg off yet.
We have two good Doctors in the Regiment, one of Them had his sword shot off at the Battle of Balls Bluff [Ball's Bluff] And never stoped working with a wounded man.,

Yours affectionately
E. A. Fulton [Edward A. Fulton]
Mrs Mary Fulton
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East 3d Street
Of Wilmington
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