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Wilmington Del December 23 1862
Dear Brother,
We received a letter from you yesterday, and were glad to hear you are getting along as well as you are. It seems a long time since you were wounded, but I suppose it is impossible, for your wounds, to get well any faster, than they are. but I hope, it will not be long, before you are able, to use crutches, and we look forward with pleasure to the time, when we will be able to welcome you home. I am very glad you have not lost any of your limbs, Doctors ought to be prosecuted for taking off limbs when they might be saved. Cousin Cortland [Cortland Chandlee] called yesterday, to hear from you, he says you may thank that Wisconsin Doctor, for saving your leg, he says that he is a nice man. I think you are very fortunate, to get with such good Doctors, what a blessing it would be if all the Doctors, in our Army were as noble conciencious men. Uncle Steptoes family have
not heard from John [John C. Steptoe], since the battle of Fredricksburg, unless they have heard, within a few days, but as his name is not among those, in the list of killed or wounded, I hope he is safe. I do not know whether Fulton [James Fulton Steptoe], was in battle or not, I think Washington [Washington Steptoe] is still in Washington. I expect cousin Mark was in it, but I did not think to ask Cortland [Cortland Chandlee] when he was here, he was in the battle of Antietam, so was Joss Chandlee, Joss [Joss Chandlee] was wounded in the arm at the battle of Antietam. William Henry Steptoe, has not been heard from, I believe since he went South, with the intention of joining the Secession Army, his brothers consider him a disgrace to the family, Fulton [James Fulton Steptoe] wrote home, that he must intend to shoot him or Washington [Washington Steptoe], or John [John C. Steptoe], or he would not have went on that side. Aunt and Beckey are very much worried about him. I think that three Brothers, in the Union Army overbalances one in the Secession Army, and that Uncle's family have done so well, that they can afford to have one black Sheep in it.
Sarah is going out to Uncles, to spend Christmas. I had an invitation to go, but I think I will stay in town. I intend to go to an exhibition, a New Years night at Mount Saylem [Mount Salem], so I will spend New Years day out at Uncles. Their Clock has stopped running, and Aunt is keeping it, without getting it repaired, waiting very patiently for you, to try your hand on, when you get home, it went very well for a while, after you fixed it, before. Our Battery, and Cavelry, have both left their Camps, near Wilmington, They went to Washington. We are not going to have Christmas Dinner, until you get home. Mother says she wishes, she could send you a Turkey, for Christmas, but it is impossible, to get it to you. We sent you a box of salve, for your frosted toes, last Friday, also a letter at the same time. I enclose a Dollar note in this letter, from mother. Cortland [Cortland Chandlee] wishes you, to write to him, He and John [John Chandlee], have written you several letters, but as they receive no answers, he thinks
you do not receive them. Those two letters you wrote him, a good while ago, he received at last, they were not directed right, was the reason he was so long getting them. His address is, Cortland Chandlee Chadds ford Delaware Countey Pennsylvania. You must be very carefull of your leg, and not get it hurt, or cold in it. Mother and Sarah [Sarah C. Fulton] join me in love to you from your affectinate sister. Anna. R. Fulton.