Harpers Ferry
Nov. 19. 1862

Dear Mother

I write to you reposing on a real frame bedstead with bed clothes & sheets, or at least one sheet on it, & if you would know the reason for this unwonted oriental luxury, it is that I have been detailed by the Major General, Slocum, to the hazardous and responsible duty of commanding a party of carpenters at work on the Hospital at Harpers Ferry, & have the privilege of boarding near and paying my own board. Lieut. Tracy staff officer of the Ge[illegible]

I read the "Times" from I. B. I. thank him for it. (Had bought the same here two days before)
N. Y. papers of 10th we get on 11th at 7 A.M.