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Worcester June 7th 1863

Dear Uncle,

Your letter of May 24<sup>th</sup> was very gratefully received. Thank you for your lengthy description of Washington and its contents. I think W. would be a much more agreeable place to visit than to have for a permanent abode.

I am glad the military authorities are attempting to make some change in the appearance of its streets for no true American can fail to be interested in the condition of its Capital city.

What a pleasure it must be for any soldiers possessing a love of the beautiful



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[CROSSHATCHED P. 3]

Description of M. & Quebec where he spent three weeks. It seems they have  
Some handsome edifices etc. outside of our lines. Please remember that  
I suppose you have plenty of news papers in W. If not I could [send] you some occasionally

[CROSSHATCHED P. 4]

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M. L. Jenks