

Army of the Potomac

June 5<sup>th</sup> 1862

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to see him, as I have not heard from him since his Reg<sup>t</sup> went to the front, and I did not know whether he was alive or not. He is looking rather thin, and as ragged and dirty as any of us, he finds this very different from Fort Cass. If I could hear from him it would be a great relief to me, but I hope for the best, in all things. I suppose your garden, and all the fields, are looking beautiful now.

I did not think, when I lived there, that it was a very pleasant place there, but there is not in the whole world, to-day, a place that it would give me so much pleasure to see. I hope you will try and keep out of doors, as much as possible, in pleasant weather. Work in the garden, or go out and play with the children. You must remember that your health is of the greatest importance. <sup>14</sup> ~~from~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~garden~~ <sup>garden</sup>, or go out and play with

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