

Considerable Space with a Matter of no Interest to
you but I wish to let you know the Particulars beside
this Movement Places me in the ranks as a
Private Such you see Friend Scoville is the
fortunes of war I shall attempt now to give
you a Description of the Classic Ground
on which we are Encamped here stands the house
where Cornwallis held his head Quarters I have been
on the spot where he surrendered his sword there
is a large Forte here which was built by the
Rebels it extends from the York River over a Mile
up the Peninsula in front of this Lying in the
Direction of the James are Breast works of considerable
Strength for the space of six Miles our
Brigade is Employed to dig each week in leveling
these Breast works this is an awful barren looking
Country so you say you May have Patriotism
Enough left to bring you to the wars it May be that
all the Fighting Material of the Country will have to
be called out before this thing is ended but I hope not
with such a force as we have now in the field we ought
to close the war this winter so I wrote to My wife
a week ago last Sunday but has recd no answer
if you wish to answer this be kind enough to tell
My wife to give you about one dozen of Postage Stamps
and Enclose them we have enough to eat here
but our tents are rather poor Every thing looks as
tho we were going to remain here this winter this is
a sickly Place there is scarce a Man in the Regt

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Friend Scoville

I received your letter
and I was very happy to hear from you you
have heard Bre this no doubt of My Change of
Locality the Particulars of which I wrote to My
wife it seems that at the time I was sent home
Last winter on the Consolidation they had no
Legal right to do so & it was known of course
we had not been Discharged & the Regt being very
low in numbers I and several others were sent
for and of course had to go which we were sorry
for because in My case I was given to
understand that I could Reenlist with
Perfect Safety by My Capt who happened to
be in Fulton at that time Previous to seeing
My old Capt I thought of Enlisting but hesitated
fearing all might not be right knowing I had
not had My discharge but on being assured by
the Capt I supposed it all right when I went
to Oswego I brought it before the Mustering officer
there told the whole circumstances & Dr. Lee our
Late Member of Congress being there at the time
the accommodations was made & was one of
the Parties I brought him before the Mustering
officer in Oswego & I was accepted on what
the Dr said & of course I thought all was
right you May think I am taking up