Head Quarters
Fort Snelling June 6th

Dear Cassie,

I received your letter last week and should have replied ere this but there has been so little to write about that. I have delayed it until this time. I have but little that is interesting now, but I suppose I must write any how. We were all somewhat surprised to hear of the death of Mr. Maynard no one expecting it except myself, as the rest of the boys had no previous notice of it. I expect if I stay away from there any great length of time to see great changes. That is if I ever get back again. You say in your letter if I stay here all summer you think I might come down pretty often. I would like to but that cannot be done very easily. There is not but two members allowed to go home.
out of a company at a time and there has been so many applied for
burloughs whose business is urgent that I thought I would not ask to
go just yet, but shall before long. I would like very much to be there
and take the walk down to Minnie Lake as it must be very pleasant
there now. But I guess Carrie and
we will have to put that off a while
yet. With regard to our movements
here, there is nothing new more than
I have already written. I write some
a short time since stating that we
would probably be stationed at Wheeling
Western Virginia but I guess that will
not be. When we move from here
at all I think it will down the
river to St. Louis or some place on
the Ohio rivers but will depend
altogether on the course the war
takes. As far as I can learn the
Government will not prosecute
the war very hard this Summer o
any more than to hold on to what places they have got, retake them forts and other Public Property which the traitors have stole, reach the border States and keep them shut. Till the soldiers that they have got in the field and when fall comes with it God beares probably the three heavy Columns will be seen marching Southward into the rebel Territories one from the Eastern slope, the centre and down this river, and I doubt not but their march will be a triumphant one, and our Old Flag will again wave over every Traitor City from Washington to New Orleans; such is my Opinion.

With regard to myself, I would say that since these four Companies have gone away we all fare better, more room less work to take care of them &c (we the Band) have now good Bedsteads and Mattresses sheets &c almost as good as I had.
at home, and I expect in a short time that our Comfort will still further be attended to. The Colonel says we are his pets and shall not want. This kind of life went rather tough at first, but I am getting used to it now, my fingers are also getting somewhat more limber than they was and I expect very soon to write almost as pretty as you can. But I must close this letter, excuse the lack of interest it contains it is the best I can do now, as it has been written in a great hurry expecting to be called out on duty every moment but I will try and do better next time, and also keep you advised of our movements hereafter. I would merely say in conclusion that I am in good health, and hope you are, give my kind regards as usual to enquiring friends, remember me to Miss Hatch and believe me to be yours as ever George.