This morning at two o'clock revelle called us to our feet. I and my pardner slept up on the pilot cabin "pretty well up in the world I think" On getting up we could see about a mile ahead prairie du chien which place we were rapidly approaching and as we neared the shore we were welcomed by the booming of cannon and the cheers of the assembled crowd, debarkation commenced immediatly in the course of two hours we had our freight transfered on board the cars that were waiting, and with the Iron horse"[?]" already steamed up. And when we were comfortably seated and under way for chicago. We had not been under way a great while when we found out that the officers were seated in a second class car, the seats wanting of cushions. They were very much dissatisfied with their situation. But viewing them from our comfortable first class car with their nicely cushioned seats. We enjoyed the mistake that changed our situation for theirs. About 7 o-clock AM. we arrived [?] where the R. R. Co gave us a first rate breakfast at which Co B. come at first Best. Owing to the large number to be fed arrangements had been made for them all to eat standing up except officers for whom a table had been prepared on which a great many extras [Page 2] had been placed. Those who had charge of the dining Room to send the officers to their tables as fast as they came in. They would know them by their blue coats and brass buttons, as our co marched in dressed in the regulation uniforms that we got at Ridgley. As fast as we came in the waiters rushed to us and led us to the tables prepared for the officers. He taking us to be officers. "a good mistake that was for us". Well we set down and did our best in doing justice to the eatables and all enjoying the joke"[?]" while the officers had to stand up and eat of the 2nd class table "which was good enough for them" We arrived at chicago between six and seven in the evening. We got in the La Cross detachment. We waited for them about an hour at a junction about 50 miles from chicago. The news of our arrival seemed to spread like wildfire for in the course of an hours march through the [?] streets we were greeted by the thousands. In course of time we arrived at the dept of Chicago, Fort Wayne and pittsburg R. R. Here we were informed that the Mayor had tendered the Regt. a supper. But the Col declined accepting it for the want of time although we were all seated for
two or three hours before the cars started ample time for the officers to partake of the good meal, "I suppose they meant to pay us back for the two mistakes that was made before in our favor".