

David's Island  
September 7 [1862]

Dear Friends,  
Yours of Sep 6<sup>th</sup> came to hand after a long time and I now hasten to reply.

I am at present employed in the Yonkers kitchen, acting as Commissary particularly, and helping whenever there is need of it. This is a Volunteer Association, and is supplied with every delicacy imaginable, by people for sick soldiers, and four ladies are here to cook the things and give them out, when the Dr. orders them. Government furnishes the bread, beef, milk, eggs, etc., but the rest is furnished by the kitchens, of which there are two on the Island.

We are so busy now that I have time to write but little, but we shall soon get things righted, and I shall have more time.

I have no diarrhea at all, and take no medicine. I should advise you to pay your debts out of my money as it is not on interest, but the Stacy money is drawing interest all the time, though I don't want you to pay it all out but keep a little for an emergency. It does my soul good to know, that a certain class of people in De Kalb have got to go to Washington, you know who I mean!!!!

It has rained today, hard most of the time and this afternoon I have been assisting the ladies putting down carpets and fixing window curtains, very strongly reminding me of like scenes at home.

Do, I beseech you direct my letters right. The last had  
General Hospital Washington  
It should have been NY, Please direct as follows and do remember it.  
John

United States General Hospital  
David's Island, NY

Yours in much love and haste.  
John  
PS I have not received the comb yet. I will write soon. I got LIB's [Elizabeth Whipple] letter.