

Camp Columbia, Quemados, Cuba,
Wednesday October 3rd 1900.

My dear Jennie:

I did not receive any letter from you this morning so I have none to answer. I enclose P. O. Order for \$40⁰⁰ instead of \$25⁰⁰ making in all \$115⁰⁰ instead of \$100 to pay back the money you have paid out on my bills for me. Well Dr. R. will be here tomorrow. I received a telegram from him at Matanzas today telling me to meet him when the ship arrives here tomorrow.

I had occasion to call at the office of the Commanding Officer today and General Baldwin, Colonel of the 7th Cavalry (Custer's old regiment) amused me. After congratulating me upon my recovery he said suddenly, "By the way when is Maj. Reed coming back? I think I shall have to accuse him of

running away. I thought to
myself "You have no idea how
nearly you have come to the truth."
I wish, will you go to Brentano's
and get the Army and Navy Journal
or Army and Navy Register of Sept.
29th. Don't get any other date. It
will cost you 15¢. I expect it will
contain a notice of Hayes's death &c
The one I sent you yesterday in the
Post appeared also in the Omaha Bee
and has probably gone all over the
country.

By the time I write my next letter
I shall be able to let you know what
the prospects are for my return. I
do not expect to be able to get back
before the end of the year. My friend
will be brave as a lion now that the
yellow fever season is about over
and he will take particular care
not to take the same chances I did.
I wish this thing had occurred a
month later, after election was over.
Perhaps then I should have stood
a better chance for recognition. But

I will never get it so long as
it is in my friend's power to prevent
it and he is in a position to do a great
deal in that direction.

I took my swim yesterday and
enjoyed it ever so much, though the
excursion made me very tired afterward.
I paid my mess bill yesterday
for September and it was at the
rate of \$1⁰⁰ per day or \$32⁴⁰ per month
an exorbitant sum for the sort of
diet in here.

I hope you will like your new
house and that the plumbing and
heating will be all right.

Kiss the boys and little Mabel
for me and accept lots of love and
many kisses from
Your affectionate Husband
James.

P.S. The effect of your scrub has been ex-
cellent. Zion's is very much more re-
spectful than formerly and everything
is yes, sir, and no, sir. Be sure to keep
it up and a failure to answer the door
when she calls will do her good. She is a
dangerous disrespectful woman.