

Camp Columbia, Quemados, Cuba,

Wednesday October 3d 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 \$40.00 instead of \$25.00 making in all \$115.00 instead of \$100 to pay back the money you have paid out on my books 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 Calvary (Custers' old regiment) amused me. After congratulating me upon 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."

Jennie, 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 10¢. I expect it will contain a notice of Lazear's death etc. 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 friends' power to present 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 exertion made me very tired afterward. I paid my mess bill yesterday for September and it was at the rate of \$1.00 per day or \$32.40 per month an exorbitant sum for the sort of diet we have.

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 affect. Husband

James.

P.S. The effect of your snub has been excellent. His nibs is very much more respectful 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 deceitful woman.