

Camp Columbia, Cuba,
December 1st 1900.

My dear Jennie.

Your letter of the 27th reached me this morning with one of Ida's melons. ~~Don't~~ trouble to send me any more letters that do not contain anything of interest to me. If you had simply told me what Ida had said I should not have looked for the letter but you have neither done that nor sent the letter.

Well I called on General Wood today and what do you think he said he would do? Give me commutation of quarters which is only \$24⁰⁰ a month and would start only from the 1st of this month. He told me to put in an application

through D. Reed. I have done
so but I have not asked for com-
mutation of quarters but for an
allowance to defray additional
personal expenses incident to my
duty as a member of the board. Of
course I told Reed this evening as
cool as a cucumber. He immediately
said I am vexed I shall put
in an application for commutation
of quarters too. That will give
him 48⁰⁰ per month and if I
were a major of volunteers I could
get the same. Gen Wood was
very nice. He said 'Halls could
how are you?' My friend has
been quite thoughtful and very
nice & nice. The papers is not
on his hands.

By the way Mrs. Clark in conversation with a lady on the porch yesterday morning said "Dr. Carroll wants Gen. Stenberg to make him a — could not catch this — "but I don't think Gen. Stenberg is going to do it." How is that for high!

I must now answer some of the children's letters. How intelligent they are to know just when to write! With love and kisses for all
As ever your affectionate husband
James.

P. S. sent the check by today's mail. Tracy has gone on the same boat and he will call and see you.