The other side of the argument is that it is a harder service and one in which it is much more difficult for men to take care of themselves. I do not know that all this rigmarole is true at all. We got our information from a letter from first colonel Curtis to one of the officers here. However we do not doubt it at all. As we know they have been contemplated for some time. The colonel wrote that there was no use to fight against it any longer as it was all over now. The reason for it is that the reg’l has never been full and perhaps never would be. I scout went out from here some ten days ago and killed some 20 bushwhackers and brought in dirty rebel soldiers prisoners. With some five or six officers. I am willing perhaps more healthy than I have been at any time since I came to this God forsaken hole. I got a letter from Walter a few days ago perhaps I told you of it in my last letter.