infernal string as to vote against a tax to raise bounty for their soldiers rather than for all Belgians and the draft ought to be kicked out of the townships and then drafted without the benefit of the commutation clauses. But the next draft will not be worse than the last.

Your quota, according to my figuring, will be about 20 and it is not for me to say how they can or will be raised. For I do not know how many are gone now but it seems to me that pretty much all the young men and boys are already gone and some of the middle aged and married men. I have no doubt but it will go hard with you. But the war must go on at all hazards and the people of the loyal states must make great sacrifices. I cannot think that it will last long. Such great exertions as the government is now making must soon prove successful as crushing the already warning rebellion. I wish Philadelphia good success in getting her next trial. The little town had done gloriously so far and I hope she will keep up her reputation in this as I believe her last great trial.