Brother Henry,

Your letter came to hand a few days since which I can assure you I was happy to receive as it was the only letter I had received from you since I left Springfield. A second letter must have been detained some time in Batavia as well as at Fort Niagara where it was directed. The letter which I have written heretofore not being answered led me to believe that you had forgotten your friends here or else your business must have been very considerable.

To comply with your request in giving you a history of this campaign I should be happy to convey anything new or important upon the subject. Much has been said I presume since much remains to be said in order to investigate the truth respecting the operations in this quarter. Indeed operations like those founded upon the most principles of democracy are sufficient I should think to stagger the minds of our political leaders, not only theirs but the minds of every individual must be lost in doubt and anxiety respecting the issue of this political campaign. What the result of this war may be and what the intentions of our Government are time only can determine. We are at present on the "confines of Canada" without men and means waiting as mute spectators for the mysterious plans of our political rulers. There are on the lines from Buffalo to Niagara about three thousand men including detached militia and regular troops, a force nearly one half what we have to contend with. What troops there are in this quarter have heretofore laboured under many inconveniences such as the necessary munitions of war and the necessary supplies for
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and Ontario Counties have been ordered a few days since by
Maj. Gen. Van Rensselaer to repair immediately to this place,
and I am credibly informed that a large number of the Keya-
tops from different quarters are enlisted and are actually
on their march for this. Frontier is probably a descent upon
Canada. This fall will be made. Such has been our strength
hitherto that a descent upon Canada would have been very
unwise and inexpedient and for our Government to think
that such a thing might take place certainly betrays their
very weakness. The inhabitants have not rested secure under the
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from Buffalo to Niagara into which a number of pieces of
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to annoy an Army in crossing the River and will prevent
further great mortality in the attempt, so small and insignif-
ificant are the calculations of our Government that much blood
must be spilt in the conquest of Canada much more than would
be required if a large and powerful Army were sent for the
purpose. — A peculiar mode of warfare has been practiced for
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took place a few days since, as also another accident took place at the same time between two persons belonging to the Flying Artillery. One struck the other on the head with a club which proved fatal in a short time.

The Merchant Vessels on the Lakes are getting out to carry the operations of Democracy into effect. It is said that the strength on the Lakes is equal if not superior to that of the British. They have four ironclad Vessels on Lake Ontario and three on Lake Erie. Their Vessels are larger and carry heavier metal than ours, but not so numerous. A formidable Navy.

The assignment of Brig. Gen. T. to Wadsworth being made, and on his taking the long route for New York the second of July, I should go to Lewiston with him and as there was no Hospital Establishment in that quarter he confided a favor on me in appointing me Hospital Surgeon. We arrived here on the 3d of July.

Since that time I have acted in the capacity of Hospital Surgeon. There has been considerable sickness among the troops such as Fever, Dysentery, Dysenters, &c. but among the whole number that I have attended there has been only one death. There has been however considerable sickness and mortality in Capt. Col. Swift's Regiment stationed at Black Rock not less than eighteen or twenty have died out of that Regiment since they have been on this camp. Gardner Wells is Surgeon in Most of that Regiment.

My appointment was first made by Brig. Gen. Wadsworth and has since been approved by Maj. General Hall & Major Gen. Van Rensselaer. My situation is a very pleasant one as it benefits my political friends, but my political enemies feel somewhat animical towards me particularly some of the Surgeons. I have this however to comfort me for they are certainly aware that men are totally incompetent for the duties of Surgeon. I remain yours most sincerely,

Eben Brown
Oct 29
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