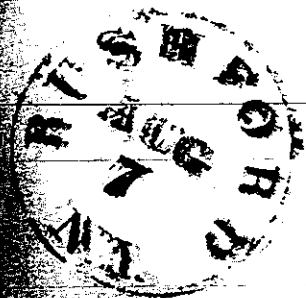


time to read letters
but they may be
are full of full of them
I should feel
of your letters
letters remain
in your pocket
What do you
do about them?
I am so glad you
are doing so well
with your
company and will
give you full
and free permission
to neglect me
all the time if it
is necessary and
would promise, with
my hand on the
Good Book, if it
was not holding the
pen to write you
another blue letter
or have another
thought of the kind
about you. Oh I am
so glad you can be

yourself again, and do what you
have so long wished to, again. I don't
think I ever rejoiced so much that
I had a lover as I do now. I do
not feel one bit as I did a year
and half ago, when you insisted
I know I was willing then, but
it was now the romance and now
reality of the thing then than patriotism.
One thing probably why I feel different
is, that a year has brought wondrous
changes and what we dimly saw
might be has become real to us.
And now I read, think and see
what I did not then, and lastly
finally I am now just as fully
awake and patriotic as a woman
could be and am sure if I
had a lover or husband who was
so cowardly and mean as to resist
this call from his country in this
hour of her peril and danger, I would
at least disown all allegiance to him

and don't know but I might be tempted
to lift my foot and spurn him from
my presence should he appear before
me, as I have read of some southern
ladies doing. I know I should be very
desperate about the matter if he would
to go and would not, but thank God
Albion Tourgee is not one of the class
of men, and I shall pray hourly that
you may be left well and strong as
that you may do all you would.
I attended a War meeting here yes-
terday which was quite an affair for
this place. There were several very able
speakers present, ^{among them} Captains, one
from the 85th the other from the 67th
N. Y. I. who were home recovering from
wounds. They spoke nobly especially
Capt. Thorpe of the 85th. He was
having been wounded in the leg and
it was with difficulty that he
came up before the audience leaning on his
cane, yet he after became so excited

that he would get both hands up & forgetful of his cause
he would be reprimanded & that he had brought
his botching backward. I consider that
in the exchange of I consider that
did not spring forward at his address
and at once felt his shame down. I
to say that at the close of the
shameful and one of the
coast land and tried to keep him
by shot. Seventeen is the
I don't see how they will be
skin himself. Just have
companies have been mostly
to death. Just as in the
morning. In the
state of N. Y. seems
Prof. Sales. Formerly
and the Republic as a
the trial. I believe
me by calling on the
what would be the
and would put them
them and I don't
morning and I don't
Well this is the
of my sheet & I
that



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