

Wm. Westford Penn.  
June 7<sup>th</sup> 1863

Dear Father; We are now preparing  
for an advance movement, and a  
battle will soon result. My fate, of course  
is uncertain. On account of recent e-  
vents (of which I sent you an account  
by mail,) I have some fear that, should  
I fall my comrades officers would attempt  
to throw discredit on my name in some  
manner. I shall therefore leave for you  
enclosed a copy of my resignation, a copy  
of my statement with regard to capture  
and the original draft of the same.  
These documents with the letters I have  
sent you will enable you to refute any  
imputations that may be made  
in regard to the matter.

Your Son  
A. W. Torrey  
St. Louis, Mo.