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Central Park Hospital
N.Y. City

Dear Mr. Belburn dear Sir it is with great
pleasure i take my pen in hand to write you
a few lines to let you know my situation has
September i recived a injury in my left side while
on the march from Washington to Antietam which
i have not been able to do duty ever since i have
been in the hospital ever since and how much
longer they will keep me is more than i can
tell i do wish i could go to my regiment but
i am not able to do any work yet i hope
you will not take this as a insult because i
wrote to you for i consider you a friend to every
true man what i want to say to you is a
bout my pay i have not recived no pay ever
since i left maine and i have to pay interest
for highered money and i think if the money
the government oltg me if i had it i could
stop the interest on what i highered at home
i think when a man leaves home and friends
and a place where he gets one dollar per day and
does the ~~work~~ in defence of his country
he ought to have his pay when it is do him for
what the pay master keeps back from the sick
soldiers they get interest on it and put in
their own pockets i think that interest is
just as good for me as it is for them or if

they are mind to keep a man for months in
the hospital sick they ought to pay him so
he can meet his family at home or has a man
bless. He is free get to leave home friends and
sacrifice his property for the sake of defending
a rich man property or is he defending this govern-
ment or what did they send out here for serving
part I came out to put down this rebellion
but I find the most of our head men is more for
money than any thing else and I find our doctors
~~are~~ care but little of the sick and if our head
men is mind to lead the soldiers in the field to
have them shot down ~~over~~ and gain no victory
why is it I should like to write more on this for
I have not time I wish you as a friend would
try and let me know. how I can earn my
pay if you can and I will be greatly obliged
to you and thank you as a friend

So now I must close for this time by
bidding you good by and may God bless you
and our heroes and rest our land once more
to peace and your interest and care

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