

12-23-1862

**1862-12-23 E.F. Durew informs the Governor that the remains of
Major William L. Pitcher arrived in Bangor**

E. F. Durew

Bangor Dec 23/62

Dear Sir

I thought you might
be glad to know, & be able
also to inform the Government
that the remains of
Major William J. Fitcher,
who was killed at the battle ^{of the Peninsula}
of Fredericksburg,

were carried home safely,
and that the funeral will be
held on Friday forenoon next
at 10 o'clock, at the Hammonds,
&c.

The military are making
some arrangements for a military
escort. Major Aquard would escort
us detailed to ~~see~~ meet the
body when it arrives this evening,

by the car, & convey it to the
house. On opening it we found
it in good condition, & very
natural.

The wound was in the
head. thro. the forehead. & very
little ~~to~~ ~~marked~~ -

A great comfort to
them that they here need -
the body - and that he probably
had no lingering suffering.

Yrs very Respectfully
J. F. Duran

Dear Mr. [unclear] A.D.
[unclear] 25/12/62

I thought you might
be glad to know & be able
at some time if you
find time without being
too minute - please say
in general, where the troops
came from; mentioned in
my previous letter -
need not be particular
but in general -
Yours truly
E.P.D.

Much love to yr wife
& daughter & son.
Heard from Freeman tonight
from Frederick by Dec 15. He escaped harm
tho' under fire as skirmishers, afterwards in line,
when they ret^d for ammunition.
desire is in Gen. Stevens's Brigade in since
Gen Foster's Expedition to Kintan, Solobon see. not heard Dec 9

Handwritten note on the right margin: "I am here" and "Handwritten note" written vertically.

E. A. Duran came to the
Bangor, Dec. 23, 1862
It is good condition, & very
natural.

The wound was in the
head - thru the forehead, & very
little damaged -

~~It is a great deal better
than it was when I first
saw it. The patient is
in general good health
but has some weakness in
his back -~~

Handed over to Dr. [?]
for [?] [?]
for [?] [?]
the [?] [?]
[?] [?]
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