

gain the full use of my leg  
before long. From Romans  
I went over to see Capt. Shunk  
& from there to the Quarter  
Master to see if I could not  
get him to give me a pas-  
sage on the Columbia. I had  
a letter from Shunk but the  
Dr. M. told me he had no right  
to give transportation to  
any one on any but Govt.  
Steamers, & the Columbia  
was in private hands. He  
promised to give me a pas-  
sage on the first transport  
when she came, & said he  
expected her in a week  
or two. I decided to come  
by the Columbia & pay my

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My Dearest Mum

This is the last letter you  
are going to be favored with  
from this quarter of the globe  
for some time - I trust I hope  
so. The Miss closes tonight  
& I have waited until the  
last so as to be more certain  
of my plans. I intend to leave  
here on the Columbia which  
is up for the 19<sup>th</sup>, next Sunday.  
She may not sail until Monday  
or Tuesday however. Mr. Fu-  
berlin is going in her, & I shall  
thus be more certain of get-  
ting all I need on the passage.  
He called here last Sunday  
and I asked him then to engage  
my stateroom with his own,  
which he promised to do. I  
presume we shall reach N.Y.