who can tell what day or an hour may bring forth of the enemy meet with such crushing defeats as they have within the last few months they must without doubt make peace and the northern people must without doubt come to their senses and when they are woe to be engaged in Lincoln's vile usurpation. In a little more than a year twice be eighteen and I do not believe that I will much stronger than I am now. I am very sorry to hear that my little sisters had an attack of fever and hope that they will soon recover. I think with you that Lee's offer was worth an answer and he must have had a rare time amongst his fellow officers; for the loss of provisions would have gone a long way. It was indeed, as you say, a siege. How do you suppose before Lee will get into active service? [Original:] I doubt very much whether the Yankees will let Colonel Shaw pass through the lines. They