

The above was a part of a letter
 M. B. Stone, Jr. to a friend the

morning after the news reached here
of the capture of the Mass troops
in the city of Baltimore the 19th,
of April 1861.

Rates	Unpaid	By Stamp.			In Money.			Free
		No.	Dolls.	Cents.	No.	Dolls.	Cents.	
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them safely at Head quarters, - I have no doubt -
but it has all been properly done, - A bag for the
25th I had delivered to Capt. Atwood's co -
and he was with much satisfaction the gratification
it afforded the anxious recipients - The men
was looking splendidly, and I need not tell
you that ^{the 25th} is a live regiment from its Col
& Chaplain down. Worcester to his just cause
for pride.

I come now to the expression in your
excellent letter which I have all along
feared - no our labors needed, shall we not
"a shall we not" - for the first I have
dreaded lest a sense of our concertants in regard
to matters here should discourage the efforts of our
patriotic ~~ladies~~ ^{ladies} at home - it was this
fear and only this which can give me courage
to ~~re-act~~ ^{re-act} ~~and~~ ^{alleviate} the worthy ladies of your committee
(so nearly my superiors) ~~on~~ ^{to confer} upon a subject
after which they seem perfectly familiar ^{with} &
knowing so little. - ~~But~~ ^{And} now I scarce
know how to reply - It is ^{when I am affected} said that our Army
is supplied - All this may be so it is not for me
to gainsay - and so far as ^{our} New England troops are
concerned ^{it} may be that in these days of idleness
they have really no pressing wants - But on the