

Head Quarters 154<sup>th</sup> Regiment N.Y.S. Vols  
Near Catlett's Station Va  
August 10, 1863

Major

I have the honor to apply for leave of absence for fifteen days for the purpose of visiting my family in Cattaraugus County, New York

I ask this favor feeling assured that my services will be very little needed here, while remaining in camp, until the arrival of the conscripts, with our Regiment reduced as it is now, since the late battle in which we were engaged to 128 officers & men present — and two Medical Officers remaining in camp with the Regiment.

I have the honor to remain  
Very Respectfully  
Your Obdt. Servt.  
Henry Van Aernam  
Surgeon 154<sup>th</sup> N.Y.S. Vols. &  
Surg'n in chief 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade &c

To Maj L. D. Warner }  
Commanding }  
154<sup>th</sup> N.Y.S. Vols }

[See endorsements on reverse of photocopy of original.]

*Courtesy of Dorothy Farnham DeSha, Franklinville, New York.*