

Beach Richard Springs

Dec. 9 1863

Dear old friend & Bro.:

General Gano has taken his command to the Ball Field on the river bank, below here and about Laynesport, and they are not in my way.

Much as I would like to be near you, I have concluded to stay here, at least for the present - perhaps until Spring. I have so many things to move, as to make it very troublesome to do so; and have made other arrangements, with shoemakers and others, that would keep me several days, any how.

In the Spring, if the war don't end, I will come and stay near you.

Gen. Gano sends a Company to stay near Mr. Keen's - to start this morning. If you will have your militia to cooperate with it along the line, you'll be safe from Jay-hawkers.

Truly and always yours

Albert Pike

Chas. R. R. Ritchey

Lead:	יפדת	: Saturn	: Rahu mah.
Zin	ידים	: Jupiter	:
Copper	שדש	: Venus	: Hro Nigah
Silver	קסב	: Luna	:
Gold:	קחב*	: Sol	: Geburah Leo.
Quicksilver:	קחי קסב	: Mercury	:
Iron:	קחל	: Ferru	:

Job, xxxvii. 2: Am Sun, Fan weichen: Zeit. 11. 12. Pure & brilliant orb in the
 Wandertisch

Sulphur Phil. Fire
 Salt " Earth.