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Camp Winfield Scott
Yorktown Virginia April 17th 1862

Dear Wife.

I received your kind letter yesterday I was very glad to hear from you I was glad to hear that you was comfortable that you had got over your sickness. that has worried me more then any thing else. I shal feel better now. if you take care of your self & wish you must do, you must not try to do your own work to soon and get your self sick, you must excp some one with you to helpe grandmother do the work I expect to be paid soon and shal send my munny home to you. you wrote about my naming the Boy I have no name that I think of let Charley name him if woult's to I recived a letter from mother this morning I was very sorry to hear

that she was not well I am in
hopes it will not be any thing that
last her long. Dear Mary you must
remember and take good care of your
self my health is good I have been
very healthy since I have been in the
army we are expecting a great battle
at Yorktown if the rebels do not run
I think they will not fight much
they commenced shelling us this morning
about 11 o'clock they kept it up until
day light when we returned the
complement they have ceased now
I do not think there will be much
fighting for a week to come
Dear Mary you must not worry
yourself about me but take care
of your self and all will be well
in time keep good courage I was
very glad to hear that paper you
sent me for I had no money
if I had I could not get it here

we are encamped within 3 or 4
miles of the rebels & here that we
have them surrounded they will have
fight or surrender, I think they
will surrender without much
fighting you must write to
me as often as you can I will
do the same no more at present
from your absent Husband
and ever true friend

George G. Heersum



[Faint, illegible handwriting in cursive script, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the paper.]