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Camp within 13 miles of  
Richmond Va May 25<sup>th</sup> 1862

Dear Wife

I reciev'd your kind letter  
today I was very glad to hear from  
you I was very glad to hear that  
your health is good I wish you  
could get some one to do your  
planting for you you must get some  
one to do your hoeing for you dont  
try to do it yourself for it is too much  
for you to do I am in hope to be  
home in time to do some of it  
myself I think I shall be at home  
soon perhaps sooner then you think  
the story I spoke about in my  
letter is nothing but a camp story  
there is a prospect of having a hard  
battle at Richmond if the rebels  
make a stand witeh think they

will if they do not. I dont think  
they ever will I do not think we  
shal see much of the fight if there  
is eney for we are held in reserve  
our position is behind all the rest  
Let Stephen E. Dowdley we get  
used better then we used to be  
we get our Whiskey twice a day  
now by order of general McCalland  
let him to write to me  
we expect to be paid in a day or  
two let father I shal send it  
home as soon as I get it I sent  
all the mounney home I could  
before I had to buy me a pair  
of Boots they cost \$5.00 and  
they was rather sore at that  
I would like to see ant Mary  
Hays very much give my  
love to her if she is not gone  
home before you get this

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and all incurring friends  
kiss the children for me till them  
to be good I shall be home soon  
I want to see them very much  
Dear Mary I want to see you very  
much keep good courage I shall  
have the opportunity soon no  
more at present from your ever  
true and loving Husband  
George G. Hersman

P.S. you need not send me any  
more paper I have a great  
plenty

*[Faint, illegible handwriting, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]*

to all father I shall send it  
how do you as I get it I will  
all the money having I will  
before I bid to buy some pair  
of boots they cost 50 and  
they are rather fine at that  
I would like to see and they  
they are much quiet my  
to be very much of  
to be before you get this