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New Kent Court House  
31 miles from Richmond

I left New Kent House on  
Sunday at 4 o'clock in a  
boat and went to Fort Mifflin

Monday, and stayed there till  
Monday at 11 o'clock. When we left the fort  
and went up the York town got there about  
five o'clock and went to the fort but could  
not get any place to sleep for every thing  
turned in the hospitals for the sick and wounded  
and so we lay out on a open field and slept  
The next day we left for West Point at the  
head of the York river when we got there  
the capt of that fort would not let us  
land sent us up 25 miles on the Pamunkey  
river - to Cumberland Landing got  
there between five and six o'clock, left  
the boat and started out to find Coxeys  
Invasion fort about till after dark and  
then I went to General Tucker and in-  
quired of him and he told me it would  
be in vain at this place that night  
was your affectionate husband J. H. Kelly

I did not receive any for sister Jane  
yet I shall write to her some of these say  
I bawn to a spring and made some coffee  
and eat my supper and then started to find  
some place to lay my old horses to rest for  
the night got in a corner field at least  
in corn and got in a fence corner and  
made my heat and lay down and slept well  
next morning made my breakfast and started  
to find corn and bread to eat a good  
while before I could find them and when  
I did find where they had been in that  
night our hole Switzer had made out on  
the R.T. but the waggons were there so I  
stayd till dinner and wore out places  
there and started out on hunt of them  
did not go more than a mile and a half  
before I am up to the first place  
of our company so I was made up there  
The War Station on Infant Road  
and it has been running ever since I came  
here and we expect to march to day I sent  
a box of clothes from new fort across by  
express could not carry them and did not  
want to show them a way so I expect

The woods is contained as a mile  
say if I hope I am now sitting on a log in  
you have got them paper you got this letter  
I got your letter and I ack'd as soon as  
I got to camp. but I had not got your  
yet I got the one from you but not the  
last one I expect to get it I am going to  
write to Gilbert to buy and get him to  
send it to me this awful Buggy Row the  
Marramack is gun to the bottom of the  
channel the set him a fire and burnt  
him up I saw him Burn and saw him muggin  
approach it was a awful rare the hole in the  
burn hole so that this is all of the way of harm  
she could not get out of the place that  
she was in so the thought we should not  
have him by he the is got good only that I  
have seen a but cold and hard which I  
am a friend will stick to the one as long as  
I live I found the boys all well and look  
well and redgment was in the battle  
at Williamsburg the boat I had had  
the were two far off but the shell flew  
all over them and in front of them  
and had them all covered with sand there

and Men in our company wounded he was  
 struck in the arm by a canister that but  
 did not injure the bone he is in some of  
 the hospitals but the cant tell when there  
 was two other men in the Regiment  
 wounded but not seriously I expect  
 there will be a big battle between ship and  
 Richmond at Chickahomine creek about  
 15 miles from here Norfolk is ours -  
 and if we get Richmond I think the the  
 war will be over and I wish it was  
 for our boys have had a awfully hard  
 time of it since the left Warwick cart  
 house they havent had their knapsacks nor  
 blankets nor over coats since the left that  
 place and here they had no close only what  
 they had on and rain and mud all the time an  
 hard marching if I had a bee with them I dont  
 expect I could overdo it I will have to  
 close I hear from the boys yesterday they were  
 yet a letter from Billy the ar. well and  
 one some part stamp sweet your letter to  
 Washington and the same direction that you  
 have before and the well be sent to camp  
 nothing more at present but no more