



Washington D.C. 1864

Warrenton Station Va

May 16th 1864

Mrs. Smith

On my arrival home, from

a short visit to Warrenton Va I find your communication
of the 7th inst. which I now hasten to answer.

I very much regret that I cannot give you
much information regarding your son W. A.

Smith: I am very sorry to inform you that

I was not personally acquainted with your son:

I saw him once or twice but do not recollect that

I spoke with him: I saw him as I was passing

through chertle or passages between the beds. I

did not think he was so near his end if I had I

should have formed his acquaintance and if he wished

should have brought to you his dying messages:

The sick in Richmond were treated better

than some imagine: Our own men were the nurses and

consequently many little things were done to comfort

the poor sick men: The Rebels did but little

to do to our comfort aside from giving