

Camp among the Pines Cutpaper Va May 2^d 1864

My dear Wife:-

I received your letter of the 28th ult. this evening, and as usual I drop every thing and answer it. I have no reason to complain about your writing to me. I know that is not as easy nor as convenient for you to write often as it is for me. But so much pleasure does it give me to get a letter from you that it does not seem possible to wait for them. There has been no order yet depriving us of the privilege of writing home and I hope there will be none. But you do not get letters from me you will know the cause.

It has been a rainy afternoon and I thought I could not employ myself to better advantage than to make a picture of Sally light foot. Which Helen so modestly requested. I thought too that a drawing made by myself would be much more acceptable than one made in another manner. And here it is. It is a coarse drawing - as I