

I am sorry to learn that down is so very unwell - hope he
will get better - it would be spare to his family - and to us a
long time - Mrs.

Camp in the field near Front Royal Va

Oct 12th 1864

My dear Wife.

I have received two letters from
you and one from Helen this week, but have
not had a chance to write nor a chance to
send a letter if I had written. In your last
was an account against me presented by
Clough, which is correct except the oats, which
I do not recollect of having - but possibly I
might have had. The horse hire which
he has charged me - is a horse I had to use
when Pomp got lambed - but it was very
small in hire to make account of it - after
the many little favors I have done him -
But I hope my experience here will be of
some benefit to me in dealing with men.

I did promise Allen that I would have
you pay him some money as soon as I
could spare it without distressing my family.
But my friends have seen fit to distress them
for me. Some of them will regret it to the
day of their death. There is a time when
Silence ceases to be a Virtue.

You speak of the glorious victories we have had
here in the Valley - words are inadequate to ex-
press the magnitude of our success, and any