

Camp Near Fairfax C. Va.

Sunday January 18th - 1863

Dear Sister

I wrote to mother to day so will
write to you this evening. — I was very
much pleased when George read his letter
from Sophia telling how you all said "what
fools" when you heard how much pains we took
to help the beautiful young female Secesh to
find her father. You must know that we seldom
see a woman in this business, so of course when
we do chance to meet one, be she Union or
Secesh we are "just like coffee" The fact is
I have quite an idea of borrowing a horse &
riding over to Centerville some day & calling on
the family, they all shook hands with me & asked
me to when I came away. If none of you have
any objection perhaps I shall bring home a regular
live the Secesh when I come home, I'm not
particular myself, if any of you are just say so
& I'll give up the idea immediately.