

Camp on the Chickahomony
June 11th 1862

Mother

Cousse of the 1st came
to hand last night it found me as usual
in good health and spirits I will answer your
questions as far as I am able with a great deal of
pleasure in regard to what Chaney has written about
Merrill is false and something that Merrill knows nothing
about Merrill is the same as at home although
I think he reads the Bible more for that he does
every day but as for talking to the boys on the
subject he does not keep this still as it might
create hard feelings time will show to you and
others the truthfulness of this if he lives to get
home tell Franky that I shall keep that lock in
remembering of him give my love to him also to Aunt
Aunt Carter I must write to Frank you speak of
the dry weather I wish you could have some of
the rain that we have it rains every other
day every thing looks fine peaches lots of them
will be ripe in three weeks apples black berries
in abundance as for living in Va I could not say
how I should like it as we are not in a very
good way to get up but as far as I have seen them