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Camp Sigh near Winchester
Va July 31st 1862

Dear Wife

As I have a little time to spare I will write you a few lines though I have not heard from you for some time and in fact from any one. The letter I rec^d from you at Washington being the only one I have had since we left Vermont. We have rec^d no mail since we arrived here and I don't know as we ever will be allowed to receive any thing here as Gen. Pope's order does not allow of any thing being sent here from any quarter by Express or other way without it is supplies for troops — Salt Beef is also excluded and we are obliged to furnish ourselves with fresh meat and there appears to be a plenty of cattle about the country so that we so far have had fresh meat every day and the effect is not of the best on the men. The people about here are nearly all Secesh and quite often as our boys are passing through the city the (Ladies) if so they can be called offer very insulting remarks and call them D—^s Yankee invaders and tell them that Old Jackson will soon root us out of here. but this we little fear at present and if they give us a little time we will have our position so well strengthened that they may come on