

Smiths Brigade
Camp Griffin V.A.
Head Quarters 4th W. Regt

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Friend John

I have been expecting
till within a day or two of seeing
Gen. Lee. I had heard that you
and others of the Liberty Hill Regt
were coming, and we were antici-
pating a good deal of pleasure in
seeing Gen. Lee, but it seems that
we are to be disappointed this
time. What's the reason you did
not come? I think you would
have enjoyed it first rate, we
have an easy time, nothing to do
and no prospect ahead of
fighting.

We are now encamped
about 12 miles from Warrenton
at Seaside, right where the
 Rebels have been posted since the