

Camp of 12<sup>th</sup> Inf. Vol. N.

3 Miles from Warrenton Junction Va

May 8<sup>th</sup> 1863 -

Dear Mary -

I have not heard a word from you since I left Mo. River. It seems a long time since you run away & left me but I suppose the next two months will seem still longer. I shall try & be patient & do my duty as a soldier, but I miss you more than I ever did before. You could not possibly be with us now for we are as short commons as to men & rations.

Mr. Peab is with us so that we have some one to cook - His wife has not yet got to ~~the~~ Washington - I think she is at Fairfax's - I am very well nerved & ready for any thing that may turn up. I have already written you two letters, one directed home & the other to Oberlin - I shall write another in the morning & send them too in the same way - I shall write often for I know you will be anxious about us all. We are to move again in the