

Camp of 12<sup>th</sup> W. Vol. M.

Rappahannock Bridge Va -

May 10<sup>th</sup> 1863 -

My Dear Wife:

Your two letters from Quincy have come duly to hand. You need never make excuses about large sheets of paper - You cannot write on sheets too large for me. Still you I am glad to hear from you out here.

We are more pleasantly situated here than we ever have been before. This is the most splendid country I ever saw. From the door of my tent I can see miles of beautiful rolling country in a high state of cultivation.

The planters here don't look much like the inhabitants about Wolf Run Shoals - We are beginning to have delightful weather & our men are not as sick as they were - My health never was better - I told Surg. Chamberlain that I was too well for my own comfort - too robust - too vigorous - I can't sit down to read or write with any patience - I want to be out riding or at work in some way -