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My Dear Wife:

Your letter written

Thursday the 14th + Lewis of the same date was rec'd today as I got off the car at this place - You have probably before this rec'd several letters that I have written you since May 30, some directed to Charleston + some to Bradford - I wish you would tell me what letters you do receive - I write a good many but I don't know whether you ever receive them or not for you never tell me what ones you do receive - You should always, in all your correspondence, acknowledge the receipt of letters - I wish you would be particular -

If you have rec'd my letters you know before this that we have been to Rappahannock Bridge + you will see by this that we are not there - We are now twenty five miles this side of the river + only eight from Union Mills - Yesterday afternoon the enemy posted infantry pickets on the opposite side of the Rappahannock in sight