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Camp of 12<sup>th</sup> Vermont Vol. In.  
Union Mills Va.

June 4<sup>th</sup> 1863.

My dear Wife -

Your short letter written last Friday & Sat.  
was rec'd last night. X X X X

We are still at Union Mills doing picket duty  
& drilling. Yesterday I saw the names of S. K. Andrews &  
J. C. Stevens in the list of arrivals in Washington & as I  
wrote you intended to go in, in the forenoon but could  
not. I got an opportunity to go at 5 o'clock & started.  
I only could get as far as Alex<sup>a</sup> that night & stopped at  
the City Hotel. I went to the Fairfax St. Hospital in the  
evening & saw the sick boys there. They are doing pretty  
well. Have the very best of accommodations & care.

Holabird is there acting as orderly for the Surgeon.

His boys are well & he will not probably go back to the  
Regt. at all.

I took the first boat in the morning for Washington  
at 7 o'clock & went from the wharf directly to the Clarendon  
House where the Col. & Adjt. were stopping. When I got  
there I learned that they had left the day before for  
home, at 3 o'clock P.M. Afterwards learned that both  
had resigned on account of ill health. I was a good  
deal surprised. Lt. Col. Stowell of the same Regt. has  
also resigned. I think there must be some trouble in  
the Regt. It will occasion a good deal of trouble at  
home but I think you had better be very careful