

In camp near Victoria  
July 23<sup>rd</sup> 1861

Dear Father

I was a great deal  
to yesterday to mention to  
you the necessity of our  
having some medical aid  
of paid. I would like  
to see you. I think you  
as they did at one time to  
the H. Regt. on the Pacific!  
They ought to be in the  
regt. and <sup>at least</sup> in a good  
condition. I am in a  
know. We have a great  
many sick ~~in the~~ <sup>at present</sup>.  
The location is  
very unhealthy from the  
constant emanation  
from the large amount of  
rotten vegetable matter  
that is left by the  
overflow of the river.