

Camp near White Oak Church  
Bell Plains Va  
March 9<sup>th</sup> 1863

Dear Friends

I take this opportunity of writing  
to answer your welcome letter which I recd the 1<sup>st</sup>  
and would have answered before if I had had time  
I was very glad to hear from you and most of all  
to hear that you were well and I hope this will  
find you blessed with as good health as I am  
enjoying at the present time. I have got all over  
my sickness of a few weeks ago and now feel as  
well as I ever did in my life and I am the  
happiest man that I ever was.