Camp in the Field 35 miles from
Richmond Aug 11th 1862

My dear Sister

I have just received your letter and will answer the briefly for I am tired. Since I wrote you last we have been through exciting scenes and have endured. Among the hardships have been in enduring rain and storm & long and fatiguing marches. We little thought one week ago last night that we should have been so far on our way towards Richmond and with so little fighting. Friday morning 2 o'clock the first division passed over the dam we