



Camp near Fettes + roads Md

Sunday eve Nov 23rd 1862

My Darling one

I neglected to write you
my usual letter in the middle of the
week, for I was very busy all the time
besides I told Capt Dillingham to go
and see you as soon as he got home and
tell you all the news, which I suppose he
did - so that is my excuse - not a
very good one I will admit - I read your
written last week, all right - about my coming
home, I shall send in a petition about
Tuesday or perhaps tomorrow and if the
powers that be see fit to let me go I
shall be there sometime - It will very
likely take about a week to find out -
as soon as the papers get around I will
either come or write you the result -
If I cannot get a leave of absence
then you must come down here and
see me; for I must see you my blessed wife