

Camp in the field at the foot of  
South Mountain on the Hagerstown pike  
Tuesday eve July 7<sup>th</sup> 1863

Dear wife

Your letter of the 2<sup>nd</sup> comes  
in tonight - If Mr Dwight of Baltimore writes  
any more about the County committee  
business you can say to him that just  
now I have got other business on hand  
and cannot stop to run county conventions  
but I hope they will nominate and vote  
for good union men and not pass any  
more resolutions like those that were passed  
by a set of men calling themselves Democrats  
a short time ago - Such men are just as  
good to the South as an Army - for it helps  
the leaders to keep up the delusion  
which they have always practiced on the lower  
class - Genl. Meade's head quarters are  
just behind us now, at Frederick. we  
expect part of his army will cross the  
mountain here tomorrow and there will  
be another big fight tomorrow or next day I