

Head Quarters 10th Vt

Camp on the Rappahannock Aug 5th 1863

My Darling wife

Yours of the 31st came
this moment and I hasten to answer at
once - I think it was a shame for the
Surgeon to pass Charlie, for he certainly
is not fit for a soldier according to
regulations, but after all there is no use
in all hands giving up the ghost for three
hundred dollars, but consider that so much
is given for the good of the cause, and
be thankful as Eli says "that it is as
well with us as it is - Father ought not
to borrow trouble about the money for all
I have he is perfectly welcome to use
as long as it will do him any good
and certainly he and Mother never need
fear coming to want while you and I
live, but he is not a poor man yet by
any means, and he better keep cool and
in good humor, and if he is bound to