

baggage in in Frederick City
This is all the baggage & could go here if so my
Middleton Md. July 5th 1861

My dear wife,

I wrote you yesterday
at 8 o'clock

at Frederick Junction, about 5 P.M.,

just on the eve of a march, we march-
ed till 10 o'clock, and went into

camp in a most beautiful shower

and we layed in the open air all

night, and here I am writing in

open air in one of the most beau-

tiful valleys I ever saw, 13 miles from

Harpers Ferry. At what is called South

pass. It is now the only place the Rebs

can get to the Potomac & cross into Va

and as they retreat to get to this

pass we are here to cut them off, and

it would be nothing strange if we had

a blood fight before night, as the

rebs are pushing this way as fast as

they can. A company of our Cavalry scouts

yesterday captured 17 Rebs killed two wounded

one, destroyed two pontoon bridges. that the

Rebs are calculating to cross our r. and

4 large wagons of valuable goods (mostly silks