

Camp in the field near Culpeper Va
Sept 20th 1863

My dear Wife.

I received your letter dated the 18th last evening - and also the P.S. Clamps - for which accept my sincere thanks. It is the first time I believe that I have sent home for any thing, and I am very much pleased with the spirit in which it was complied with.

I may be a little unreasonable in my requests about your writing oftener. I was thinking the matter over and find that I do get letters oftener than I was aware of. What made me think I did not get them oftener was the fact that we had a mail every day & then I did not get a letter it seemed like a long time since I had one. I have not received the letter you wrote the day before this - but no doubt but I shall get it to day.

You speak of the Diphtheria being very prevalent in that section. It is a fearful disease but it does very little good to dread it -