

Camp near Culpeper Va. Oct 3^d 1863.

My dear wife:-

Having just finished the accompanying sketch and thinking it may be interesting to you I conclude to send it, and it will be more likely to be preserved. It is a sketch of the scenery in front of our camp looking west. It was taken in front of my tent. I will explain the view, and will begin at the farthest point. The mountains on the blue ridge and the drawing is a faithful representation of them from this point. As we come this way you will see that the mountains are piled up in a very irregular manner and apparently regardless of expense. You will see near the center of the picture a depression of the hills at the base of the mountain which represent a deep valley between the mountain and these hills on the left of the center. The Rapid Run has a part of its origin in this valley. which is about 7 or 8 miles from our camp - The intervening space until you get to within a short distance of our camp is