

Camp in the field near Culpeper Va  
Oct 5<sup>th</sup> 1863

My dear wife;

I have just rec<sup>d</sup>  
your kind letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> inst  
and I must say your kind wishes  
fills my heart with joy. I do not  
feel the weight of years on me yet  
and I hope that it will be many  
years before I shall. It was as  
you supposed I did write to you  
on my birth day - and expressed  
some of the very sentiments that you  
have expressed in your letter.

I am glad that you can find  
some means of enjoyment. It was  
very kind in the D. to take so  
much pains to give you a pleasant  
trip down the Lake. and I am  
glad that you enjoyed it so much.  
I think Mrs Carpenter a very fine  
woman - superior to him as a man