

Camp in the field near Winchester Va Sept 12th 1864

My dear wife -

I just rec^d your letter of the 8th inst informing me of the unseasonable manner of the Clough - It is not enough that I am sacrificing my health and perhaps life for my country and earn the means to pay my debts but I must be put to the mortification with my family of having a trifling property attached to gratify a malicious and villainous man. I did not understand the figures in your letter. No matter. Look to his account well see how much I have charged against him and if you can without distressing yourself - pay the scoundrel - but make him pay his own costs if you can. My object is now to deprive the Skunk of getting the instrument for nothing than now to pay him. I soon tire of that it is but little use for me to ever try to get anything - for our