

Washington for N. C.  
Our year are yesterday & left

Camp at Union Mills Pa.

May 11<sup>th</sup> 1863

Dear Sister

I shall not write  
a long letter to night for it is  
quite late & I was on picket  
last night & night before, so  
a little sleep will come quite  
acceptable to me about this  
time. — I recd your letter

of May 6<sup>th</sup> day before yesterday.

— Well, Old Hook has  
got whipped, it seems; I'm  
very sorry it turned out so  
but it can't be helped & it  
will do no good to mourn  
over it, tho' we feel like it.  
All the consolation the Rebs  
can get out of it is that  
tho' we were beat that time we  
are coming all the stronger