

Camp Sky on Chain Bridge
Aug 9. 1761.

My own dear wife

I just rec'd
y^r letter & was happy.
I had been trying to write
to you several days, but
had to work so hard I could
not. It happen to have a
man for a Col, who is a Col,
therefore we have to work.
He says himself that
we have overworked, but
our position rendered
it necessary for our
safety, as well as that of
Washington. Many have
been & are sick, officers
as well as men, therefore
we, who are well have
double duty to perform