

Camp in the field 26 miles fr Rich-
May 14th 1862

My Darling Wife

This is a rainy night & I feel not very well. We encamped at Cum-
berland Landing on the Pamunkey River
last night. This morning we came to this
camp still on the Pamunkey - & on the
Whitehouse farm - the house where Washington
found his wife. The property is now
owned by the descendants of her family -
It was & is one of the largest estates in
Va. The original estate was I think
16000 acres - now divided between two sons
by the name of Lee - The owner of this farm
is an officer in the rebel service. I think it
is the finest estate I ever saw. The house
is in good condition & most beautifully
located. The river navigable for our
gun-boats & transports runs within a
few rods of the house & has a good landing.
There are fine lawns & gardens about the
house; and doves for miles on the planta-
tion - large fields running back from
the house perfectly level & in good culti-
vation - Clover in blossom & wheat three feet
high in fields of 700 acres - There are