

Head Quarters Vth U^s Army
Camp at Fairport Station Va.
March 9th 1863

I suppose you have heard
that we have had our Genl stolen -
He was taken Sunday night straight out of
bed. It was the best raid of all & about
such as I have been expecting - there was
nothing in the way of it. The Brigade is all
down here 3 miles from his quarters
and no troops there at all - & the picket line
in places very imperfect so that it
was a distinct invitation for them to
come in - & they seldom refuse such.
Every man feels dreadfully about it -
They are afraid that we may be blamed
by those that dont know how we are sit-
uated. Col. Blunt has the command
again now. which of course is a little
galling to me - yet Blunt is a very good
fellow & officer. We have stormy weather
about all the time - It snows to-day -
It is a regular N. Hamp. election day