



Head Quarters 2^d U.S. Vol
Camp at Union Mills Va
March 31st 1863

My Darling Wife -

I must write a

few words before I go to bed -

I rec'd a letter fr you to day -
Not very long so I will take that for
an excuse for a short letter -

I dont know how I can make a
long letter - for I cant say anything
but tell you how I love you & you
know that now - I have had the
handsomest pipe presented to me
that I ever saw - One of my men
made it - He cut his foot some
time ago & has been making
 Laurel root pipes since - He gets
all prizes for them - He has made
a great deal of money - I never
saw so handsome a pipe as mine
is. It is ornamented with Masonic