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Camp near Bell Plain Pa.

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Dear Sister

I received yours of the 19th in due time and as I have nothing to do to day I thought I would spend a few moments in answering it. I am well as usual and hope these few lines will find you all well and happy. Since I wrote you last we have had a pretty tough time of it - and no mistake but I stood it well. On the morning of the 20th we broke up camp and left our comfortable quarters and started with the intention of again crossing the Rappahannock River. The roads were good and the weather fine and all things