

Washington, D.C.  
May 9th, 1863

Dear Mother

I received yours of the 4th and was glad to hear from you hoping the next time to hear that all the folks have got well there has been rain every day this week but I hope it will soon clear up but it dont look much like it this morning Monday morn it thundered and got cold but is getting warm again Gen. Hooker has crossed the river again he had to cross on account of the rainy weather but he has gone back acrossed again we will soon have Richmon or else I will be mistaken Gen Stoneman Cavelry has torn 30 miles of their railroad up and his pickets have been with in one mile and a half of Richmon the President Secretary of war and General Hallack went to see the Army Thursday night and got back thursday night. Everything is nice and green here the leaves have come out amazing fast for the last two weeks this is a nice place now to what it was six weeks ago the citizens used to be here every day and the big bugs we had orders to keep them out in we took the guard off that was at the camp to stand at the gait in the day time we dont let any one in but them that are on business I seen rich quail here last week old stone Wall Jackson got wounded and had to have his arm taken off Aip Hill got wounded the rebels told our pickets once that before Gen McClelland could get to Richmon he had to climb a stone wall 2 hills and a long street old Joe Hooker will show them how to climb them there is nothing like trying there was some more prisoners arrived here yesterday about 100 what did you think of Mr. Repler for a Corporal tell George to see Charley Gallager and get him to fetch my spy glass it will be nice when we are at soldiers to look at the Potomac and see the steam boats I am well and on guard today I must close give my love to Granny and Liz and Eva and the rest of the family from, W. A. Cutter