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Fredericktown, Pa.
At Cousin John's.
June 3rd, 1861

A diary faithfully kept in such eventful times as these, must be interesting to many children even though it be disappointingly written.

I commenced one about two weeks ago at our home in Washington, but in the hurry and confusion of getting off it was postponed.

I shall commence when I left off there, hoping to get that one of these days. Though God knows where or wherefore he shall end in our possessions there again.

We left his business, furniture, and everything to come here and be with his people on the right side.

Last Thursday and Friday we got letters from Poffen, by private hand. (There are no mail services between.

We north and south) commanding us to come out of Washington at once.
On Friday Mr. Will went down to Alexandria to see if he could get a pass, or any means of getting there. It was useless. After noon.

While she was gone it occurred to me that I had better go to the War Department and try to get a pass for us to leave the next day. So I got a hack and drove to the Department, intending to get Major John to go with me to see General Mansfield, and ask for the pass. Major he was out after dining half an hour, so then I went over to General Mansfield's office. He refused to give me a pass — refused to give one to Annie Belle and myself without Will.

I said no one was allowed to cross the lines now. My heart died within me, and my eyes filled with tears. I began to despair. Just then Major Mr. Come in. I heard I had been waiting for him and had followed me over. He took me back to the department and said that we would go and ask the Secretary of War (Mr. Cameron).

So he went up to the Cameron's office, but he was at home sick. Then he applied to General Scott. He gave one for Annie Belle and myself, but refused to allow Will to go. But when Major he learned that we were going in a hack across the country and through the "field camp" alone, he said it would have to be us to go without Mr. Mann.

Upon several applications General Scott gave a pass to Will, just inquiring whether he had any relation to Professor Scott of the University near Richmond. Then he handed over a note making the second application, and said he had not. To be General Little knew that I was his daughter.

Will was delighted when he saw the pass. Said that he could never have gotten it. It felt like all the other hard things I have been through. Mrs. Backlund of Newburg was to come to see us that night. I came down hoping to get to Richmond to see Papa.
but was told that there was danger of his being arrested to be put in jail. So I could have come with the rest safely. She could get him back. He spoke with the greatest regret and grief of his resignation. Take it as if he were dead. I told him that I was proud of my father before, but I was a hundred times prouder of him now. That if he had continued his own personal welfare he would have remained with the South. This people have always been true and appreciative, him for more than three村子 at the South. But he could not take sides against his own people — against his native state and against the right. Now I wanted him and myself to come up to Richmond and stay until the troubles are over.

Saturday morning we left Washington. We gave up our bed and placed our furniture at a friend. Charles — left a great many things behind, but I picked another place closer to town. There was a good deal of furniture in the house still to be moved.

He missed the last and came all the way to Alexandria in a hack. We paid $3.50 for a carriage to take us to Alexandria junction. It could only take the small trunk. So I had to leave mine with the greater part of my clothes.

We had stopped by Central very fifteen minutes of our ride for eight miles out of Alexandria. Because Bill was delighted at the prospect of seeing her Grand-ma and aunt Mary that she should. The "place" in 99% the way I was chose it to take the intense suspect in. In order to stop her I had to give her a sugar cracker, because she came to a standstill. She then understood it and would call out " comprise her is another soldier. Give me a sugar cracker."

We were told that we would find a company of Texas cavalry close to the "wax" lines. So when it was nearly dark, and we were safe, Charley could know he was stopped by two dragoons. I was
was struck by their gentlemanly appearance, they looked very different from the pickets we had passed. The general turned towards the gentlemen near that he had met in Alexandria. The said that he had signed by name of their officers and could not do. If they gave them he'd shoot them. They laughed and said they belonged to the Southern troops. I exclaimed, thank God we are among our own people at least. They told us he might go to Fairfax, but must get a pass there. He stayed all night there. The night before Friday a company of eighty men was driven into the village and blocked our roads. In the morning, they were replaced with the loss of three killed and three prisoners. One Captain (hurt) was killed and three prisoners later. They were reported again that night. We laid down in the clothes that were worn through. At five o'clock, we left and started at five for Manassas. We stopped at the court house to get our food. There among a crowd of soldiers and because I discerned one letter from the army, the line up began. We were passed about ten or four times. I turned towards the station. About three miles from Manassas, a death bed in the regiment is stationed. They are making themselves and throwing up the deck. We reach Manassas too late for the right clock train, and had to stay there till Monday morning. There we are accommodated in cars. The train was filled with ladies. We spent the day in the carriage near the trees with women, horses, and boats all around us. We had dinner during the day. The next time (hurry) bolted with their hands to church. It was an impromptu and affecting sight to see so many soldiers worshiping God under the hallowed canopy of Heaven. There was only human spirit.
acquaintance and friends there. We got a room at night, but did not take off our clothes, the place was too public.

Our troops are fewer and more indisciplined than I expected to be. But with such indisciplined spirits, and such mothers and wives, they can never be beaten. I saw some plain country people there, telling their sobs and their ranks good by. I did not hear the first word of confusion or grief, only encouragement to do their best and be of good service. One woman, after taking leave of her husband, said to the youth, when leaving him good by, "God give my tears legs and my heart wings to go and see you again."

With best wishes to Richmond, I remain, your loving son, Geo.

Mrs. Lincoln was at the gate to meet us. She was so kind as to have a car at the gate to meet us.

Here were many engagements at once.

She was in her carriage and in the back of the house with the ladies. She was in her carriage and in the back of the house with the ladies.

Went to the ladies' balls with all the ladies and the ladies. The ladies are busy making tickets for the ladies and children and for the coal cars for the hospital.

Wednesday, 5th.

Some pen and pencil has been used to make them clear. She has gone with all the pen and pencil. It seems that the coal houses had some difficulty about the coal and the coal house. She has gone with all the pen and pencil. It seems that the coal houses had some difficulty about the coal and the coal house. She has gone with all the pen and pencil. It seems that the coal houses had some difficulty about the coal and the coal house. She has gone with all the pen and pencil. It seems that the coal houses had some difficulty about the coal and the coal house. She has gone with all the pen and pencil. It seems that the coal houses had some difficulty about the coal and the coal house. She has gone with all the pen and pencil. It seems that the coal houses had some difficulty about the coal and the coal house. She has gone with all the pen and pencil. It seems that the coal houses had some difficulty about the coal and the coal house.
Thursday June 6th.

And the rain did last, and I have had a

cold. I go to the Society.

Also, Negroes came to see me this evening,

and these last and the English kid. The

letter is very pretty. It is engrossed by my brother

Dick.

Johnny came this evening from the barraco-

city. He expects to order the quilting

shoes. They are to be done in six days.

Get a letter from Dick. Says he cannot

get back to Washington. Going to because

to be Uncle Hamburg. Eastfield five for days.

Says July and June are having

here at uncle Bradle. squads Charles talks

of going into the peace business in Richmond.

June 7th.

Said a constable on Denver's track this

morning. As thinks she must be in line.

Monday, June 10th.

Says Stedman, from Sandy Dale, on Saturday,

and Pops came up from Richmond. He is

rather thin. Doesn't know how Jeff Davis

and his 'tions' will work. He has made it

understood that now Virginia is given up to him

and is one of the Confederate States, that all

the commissions and appointments given to

her are null and void, and that if any State

This place it is a gift from him.

let's just from Dick. Says there

was quiet excitement among the people at

Springfield a few days ago. They heard that the

Ohio troops had taken possession of the White

Church Springs and were on their way to

Springfield. The people talked of

Armstrong and Stoutheart's ride. They ran

nile with him. Dick offered to ride out on

the road by which they were to return, that he

was ordered to stay to protect the barracks.

One man officers to stay in the places

magazine, and when the eliens had been

the train to blew up self magazine, teasing

and all. Dick is the spirit of our

Southern men.

The panic air grows continually

throughout the State. The enemy are nearer
Marching in upon us or long side except the South. On the East, North and West they got nearer and nearer every day.

Second. This is pointing to using, for the protection of Western Virginia. It is likely to be very popular. Charity Richmond is expected in it.

Bearing and the Colours come up on Sunday. The latter was covered in a dark suit of uniform. Murray had made for him. He had Major and Major had adopted his blue uniform. He says the U.S. stands for unlimited south. He to receive a sword taken from a French officer at Wheelers. Pope returning to Richmond this morning.

July 12th. 1861

All came yesterday quite unexpectedly. I was so glad to see him. do not want to let him go away again without me. Our family is small enough for us to move with ease, and this is no time for measuring separations.

We hear that there Bullying with a number of other army officers not others have resigned and one the 1st day none.

There are rumors of a fight that lasted five hours at Newport News.

General Allinno who has command of the forces here said it again took a man for a 48 hours at the first shot. A man from 45 miles on thousand leagues. The enemy would have prevented it if attempts in the day time.

Pope said he was sending up this evening to speak tomorrow with our. It is a day of humiliation fasting and prayer throughout the south.

Living 13th.

Our fight was not at Newport News but between elastin and Ghick. Our troops here in an interment camp and paroled for hundred. The enemy were thirty five hundred strong. The battle lasted from half past nine until one. The enemy were completely routed and driven back to.
Hampton. Some of the enemy companies 
pressing them close to the town. Their 
men did not stand five feet. The celebrat 
New York five generals were the first to run. 
They acknowledged the hundred and fifty 
blows, it is thought there are many more. 
Bread, one man sits and eat. These then 
were burned. Col. Magruder 
commanded one force and conducted the 
battle with the greatest bravery and skill. 
Saman says it shows how all men may change, 
she used to know John Magruder 
when she was young. That he was the last 
of all, the girl! he was to stop and receive. 
Ireal home after the battle 
faces a crowd to York. There are many 
thousand of the Federal troops of Robert 
Dunmore. That might at any time be put 
out and cut them off completely where they 
were.

Went to church yesterday and heard a 
discussion on patriotism. It pales for short of 
the mark of a true patriot. I love so 

This fish and narrow-minded. Coming into 
the hands continually. She is to patients 
and nursed fish.

Sunday 16th.

Pope came up from Richmond yesterday 
arriving. He brings us the good news of the 
retreat of Mississipi. It rather that he 
around has caused to fifty thousand troops 
to replace the lieutenant. Which is a virtual 
decision. The Arkansas regiments are sent 
to assist them.

The bridges at Fredericksburg have been 
loose by the troops. All the railroad machinery 
have been removed from there and. So they 
know to evacuate the place and take a 
road near Winchester where they cannot 
only to surrender and cut off.

General Stonewall was here just now. He 
thinks that because the bridges have been 
destroyed it by no means follows that they intend 
to evacuate Fredericksburg.

Our soldiers come up this morning. She 
had been with his company to Mattocks' point
Page 3 is now empty.

1. Rain is quiet...policies of the Virginia and Confederate states. Pope thinks that the Confederate states and politicians want to avoid the Union. He sees a future where many of the Virgin-ian soldiers...I hope some...to help his place.

2. A part of the Federal forces landed on the side of the Potomac, the other night...and the boats...to cross the river. That is the only way...could come over to join us.

3. The Federals come every day. It is easier...to the Richmond Dispatch, and the Examiner. They publish...hated-at the north. They publish a great many...in their papers...not to be bound...of the Potomac...the cause against...the other day the Dispatch...fate of a woman who...bought a...thousand,...two hundred...the soldiers...at Harper's Ferry. Of course, the companies...to do it again...pits.

The Jesuits put as one of the Council's council...to be abolished tomorrow. We do not know...what will become of him then.

February 12th:

General Holman has been at the...Harpers Ferry has been evacuated. Our troops...between three...month of July.

Pope returned to Richmond, morning.

The final scheme to clear up the...tanks which is to...soldiers in some...to know...able to carry it out. It is a...not done.

Scouts from...as if to...must be tied...at the...the great battle...Can help us and...be the victory.

The fight at Little Bighorn...was once...eleven...air...but...it. The Northern papers...we know that at the...late...of the Indians...there were...a thousand...missing. A few were...Mother.
We received a very cordial letter from Judge 
Budge a few days ago welcoming him to the 
field and inviting him to his house in 
Philadelphia. We would like very much to 
go and only hesitated because of the expense. 
but I suspect the temptation will prove too 
strong for him. He is expected to go with 
a party of gentlemen to see the battlefields 
of Gettysburg tomorrow, and to arrive at the 
William Hotel in Buffalo. I am glad 
he is making some acquaintances here. Though 
Miss Hardie's much less busy in his hands 
then I thought it would. He is nice 
and once believed each day that we have 
left Washington.

I have been busy for the last two 
days sewing a shirt for one of the soldiers. 
She wished he had to be as yesterday 
evening. She is not to party with the boys off.

Daddy has a very severe cold his cause 
very often since stays very late. But father 
will ride about on his horse.
Dick is helping my uncle at being kept
in town to Arlington. He wants to be in
active service somewhere... close to defense.

Friday, June 21st
We interrupted our busy work to go down and see a
friend. He came back to join us. We went over to a
friend of ours, one of the old line students. We came
together to join him. We came away more than a month
ago, and was not back to Arlington so we sent
our clothes. The came back on the preceding morning
and stowed them across the street.

He brought some new clothes with him,
and some little gifts. They went to
the Colliers and saw them off as a group.
This is their first piece of news.
The Colliers asked us to make some shirts
for them. He is to bring me the materials
to my farm.
in jackets and right shirts and handicap also to be done for three days. I had in despair at first, but the ladies are kind and ready to help. I knew that Dr. Eakin took a fact done the hard now is comfortable to us. A ride all to done by licensor. These are upsets of our laboratory and fully stationed in the hospital here.

The sick suffer a great deal of pain of persons passing attendance and good nursing. Many of the patients are laid on the floor. They brought them and are not touched, or their cases cooled into the ladies near place. The first thing when we the last were them. They were found cold but half sick here afterwards. The other night at ten o'clock when one of the ladies took there was not a bed in the house besides the sick men. Everyone in town has been interested in them. Papa went last leaving to be General.000 asked about it. The General came over yesterday so I hope he will be have an efficient Doctor and

most competent nurses.

Thursday 27th

Hasn't suffering and neglect at the hospital. Some of the ladies are being removed to private homes. Some of the ladies have been about three whole time to the sick. Mr. Smith is attending some of those like as you know. There isn't any thing like the spirit here. The ladies gets up the greater part of their time either to nursing the sick or tending for the soldiers. It is the same as everywhere else.

Some of the boys didn't schemes as to be carried out now I am sure.

Dick, Bob, Boss, cousin Jack and a number of others are here to report to Captain Lewis. The boys have been here are going along. They are going, as best they can to do. But I have a strong suspicion...

This is the time that the little children was to be done, and he has not brought one. Single letter or came to me any thing about them. These little are patients of the gentlemen.
that one will him.

Sitting June 24th 1864

The Vice President, Gen'ls Morse-staters, etc., to him, the speeches last night, with the sound, of the speeches, and when the time, came from the back to join them. We learn to say that the best is agreed on the law and the rule not to, nor to get off before the 21st, I say when the time, which is the time, the place, and the place, he is right. Then their scheme will not be stopped by the story.

Mr. M. and Mr. J. have named citizens, the people in town are taking the sick, places to their houses to nurse. Dr. Moore is very much opposed to it, but Dr. H. was. Should let some of them go. Some of the poor places be paid. I forbade to be taken away. Say they will die if they stay there. Mrs. Lewis was one of the people. She said (fraymaker) has been. Mrs. Lewis has made the mo. of the hospital. He desired to take care here, but cousin John thought the room, not the kitchen was to hit for a rich man.

Dick caught the cotton from down to the.
Sunday June 30

Board Dr. [illegible] speech in French. a sermon on grace.
Then [illegible] keep him in perfect piece; since
mind is stupid in this because he plays in this.

He would not go to church, which always
annoyed me so much.

One citizen has just sent up a party of
margamuris in his house.

Monday July 1st

Will soon send this dispatch has returned.

Tuesday afternoon I heard a train whistle
and knew no bust was expected here for a week.
In a few minutes all locomotives were at the
wharf. It was the St Nicholas's a prize! a
Cuban steamer that was taken Baltimore &
Washington.

About the same age Capt. [illegible] and
Col. [illegible] so soon thatですね like a gapoika
must come to Maryland and arranged with
friends there to take the St Nicholas by surprise.
Col. [illegible] went to Baltimore and with the
eight friends got on board the steamer so

passengers. When the cabin, first seat left.
Baltimore with a few friends came on board as passengers
also, and then the last seat paid out to the steam

My dearest to the captain, told him that he
has their presence and that the best was in the

house of benjamin officers. To speak keep them
of assistance at first, but ran two that it was of no

and me. At the same time, the captain, when Capt. [illegible] party, including
the few hundred passengers, were awaiting them.

They had left the Virginia since the mouth of
the Schippanbrock, and marched across the country
to cross British the night before.

The plan was for the whole party to embark
and march the Sesplan to go up the Ato
river, take the Sesplan and capture it again

bought [they would have to pass through] that she
was in the hands of benjamin officers until they
were landed) and then come round to the mouth
of the Schippanbrock to the blocking face
there was none up with firing orders. But the

Seesplan of these people set all the Sesplanians

...
to embark. Said they meant to do any fighting that
was possible on board, but not to land ship.
The rest of the party—about a hundred—officers
and sailors together—would have attempted it
but they had only a few hours of coal in hand
and the Swann and Turkey had left the
ship. At 10 a.m. the lumber, except Capt.
Dixie and 3 men others (Capt. I thought it was)
were in the ship. The lines of 18 guns officers
(necessary) were sent out into the bay to
see what they could find. The first word
they met was big laden with coffee. At
about 11 a.m. some of the men were
disembarking supplies and goods on the
beach for their boats. The captain and six
men arrived in beach the Swann and two
officers and five men were detailed to man
the flag. They then met a schooner filled
with men and another with coal, both of
which were taken in the same way.
The firemen and Dixie were detailed for
the coal schooner. One of the captains
had their pikes with them. One of them

Agreed most fitfully that her husband's life
might be spared. They were thirty-nine people
in all. Dinner jack took over the larger
part of them the morning. Dick went down in
the eleven o'clock train with the remainder.
I saw him as they came by. They thought
they were to be lucky. The officers that were last
night to relieve there friends and say that so many
would be done them.

The passengers that were on the B. Nicholas
were put off at lower wharf. Clarence Nixon,
of Washington. Alice's old idea—was
among them. He was returning from
a fishing excursion. He passed much advice
of body Dick. The two captains gave
rice at work yesterday cutting up their legs
and making them into confederate flags.

The leading of the truth was given over.
Ed. Thomas went on board the B. Nicholas
dressed as a woman. The party on board
didn't know each other very well. Each
one suspected the other, and all suspected
the woman. It was left Stairs
Papa only helped to carry it out. Capt. I had to have commanded the expedition. The President never fully approved of it. It has been hanging in Dickmind for more than a month.

Within reach of Dick are both army officers. I suppose Papa got them involved in this expedition.

There was no blocking signal at the mouth of the Rappahannock when the prize came in. I suppose she had gone for passengers.

Sunday, July 3rd.
The wife came to take clothes on a leading occasion yesterday evening. I remember to have very good seen after they started. So it had to be given up.

The clothes for our Hills party are finished and packed in a basket ready to be sent up to Citizens Hall. They both say next and substantial, and capable.

Wednesday 3
Wife went to Richmond this morning.

Papa wrote and last night that he was engaged by some agent for a prize commissioner.

Some legal proceedings have to be gone through with. But there is a prize is delight in. I believe. Do not know whether the wife would like to have the place.

There are not more than thirty prizes at the Hospital. She not have been taken to private houses.

But a long and affectionate letter from another yesterday.

He writes of my visits of clothes on his part. felt like speaking to them.

So far as far.

Not a year have I heard this morning. I hope on the President's holidays will not be dropped by the President's Constituency.

Will write from Richmond yesterday. Whether he get the appointment as Amb agent on whether he would accept it if it was offered to him a point he did in Richmond I have not the exact words was.

I asked him to let me know where he went.
rest and what he did. He answered, "Oh, I spent every day," and then told me that she was unable to dance, and that she had a baby in a nearby town.

She put it to the other, my compassion
and presence for the young female friends.
Every lady goes and can't refuse more than my husband does.

Sally has gone to Richmond, do not know what she is doing, but has gone on secret work. Dick is here. He returned to the town of the famous war with Capt. Hallett.

She has been sent from Pennsylvania for the spring, for that is the time for it to blossom. She takes her seat from the presence to her table. She was asked to sit at the table with a vacant gap. She faces.

Saturday July 6th

Did not write yesterday because she thought Dick was going home, and she has been helping him. She does not know where he will leave, it depends on Capt. Hallett.

Dolly left with Miss Hill yesterday morning. She looking for the "Flying Agility." Our company gave the girls a picnic, and last night they had a dance at Miss Wolf's. I am very glad for me to have an opportunity to go out there. It is right coming to us. I understand that Dolly should be invited to go any where that she is not, but cannot do so. This is a young lady, and she suits a child.

Miss Betty, sister Betty, I am only two years younger than she, and I think they might invite me. Even they have an improved and upright look all day yesterday.

Sunday July 7th

Write and cousin John came down with the "Flying Agility." He heard that there was no attempt to blow up the Parson's last night. But it failed and was discovered. This is newest.

The sound of the clock, that hale in the foundation. Dolly and expectation are the great sins of the age. I think. Almost every day he has an "I'm pretty."
Wyck. B. A. F. When there has been none, and no approach to one. A few evenings ago, then, the case arrived, the crowd pressed forward with the usual question—"Who is the man?"

The man—"not even a lie" was the reply.

Monday 8th

Miss Stephens had been last night, too, in her scheme for clearing up the President's field. She invented—she was at the cash—thought there must be a leak in one of the pipes connected with the machine. Some took time to do many people that had a hand in it (journals of a hundred)!

Many persons thought it was Signor's scheme but he had nothing to do with it.

Tuesday 9th

Miss The U.S. President's message yesterday. He asks Congress for four hundred thousand ($400,000) men, and five hundred million ($500,000) million dollars to carry on the war. Wonders if he will get it?

Mrs. Hild's thought his company were last night to sing their Maryland camp song for us.

They leave to day for Richmond, where they will be mustered into service.

Visit to give a visit at the Big house last night, Gen. Almira and Capt. Hale, Mr. and Mrs. Collins. They are army officers—men in Kentucky. The other a native of Pennsylvania. Both have resigned and are now in the service of the Confederate government. These Mason girls are fine, too, five of them married army officers, and many of them have resigned and offered their services to the State.

Wednesday July 10th

Game came yesterday nothing. His recent mission failed. But I am so thankful that he has gotten back safe. I have very little about the failure. He went down to Seminoles Point to blow up some of the ships that are at the mouth of the James river. Five noble people have he says are thus, in addition to the two flag ships—

The renovator, and the Shenandoah—Connors, Wingham, and Brookeport.
across the old tie and when directly ahead of the ship. At this place they would catch the cable. The magazines would be dropped down under the ship. When the strain was upon the rope, it would pull a trigger that would ignite the fuse.

So says the night was still, clear, calm and lovely. Whales were swimming in the sky. We stood by it, pulling along the line of its splendid train. The noise and tumult of the engines deep down, and first near

Pope, near him, the board "reen to let's strike".

After pulling the magazines, we drop the leads that carried them to the guns. Pope went with the other two to plant the magazines under the other ship.

The ship went to some distance and waited for the explosion, but it never came. Thank God, for if it had, we would have been hanging long before now.

At the first explosion, the calibers...
light of Patriot Monroe would have been lit, and no little Home — whose beam was up, they could have seen — could have caught them in a few minutes. It took them an hour to get back.

If it goes again, would ensure the destruction of ships in the harbor. May I not have them go. If he had been left then, it would have been an everlasting stain upon the Southern Government that they allowed a celebration, valuable, one choice a man as my father to risk his life in such an expedition. Every bond of shame upon them, are not his brains worth more than two ships? He might have gone to the boats to see that all was right, but not for them to plant the magazine.

The Yankees would never have let him go. They appreciate his services better than that. If he thinks he can account for the failure, one could verify it very easily.

Says he was very much struck with the culpable negligence of the enemy. That he could have gone up and put his hand on their vessels with impunity.

In their state of intense excitement, the silence and stillness was oppressive. Not only a word was spoken while they were out, and only in the least whisper.

Captain Jack Morley was one of the party, and was the last man. So kind, the most reliable and the most unselfish. There was a little mechanic who went down with them from Richmond with the express stipulation that he should not go in the boats with the expedition. But at the last he got so excited and interested that he begged and implored to be allowed to go.

It would have been a grand success if they could have cleaned up those vessels.

Sunday, July 11th.

Says Gordon, with Charles's wife had twins yesterday, etc.

But Thomson, the one who assisted in.
taking the A. Nicholas, has been captured in Washington. The convention had
changed his name to 'George.' He said there were so many helpless orphans.
Sax's looks preoccupied and
low spirited. As it is now and since yesterday,
no one says that the move at the head of
this Government are not the men for the
limes.

The pages have been burned over by the
District attorney. Wil is not super-
missioner.

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William Blackford passed through here a few
days ago with his cavalry company from
both portions Virginia. He dined with
us and gave us a very amusing account of
their attempts at cooking. Said they bought
half a hickory of rice one day, and got
that cooked rice is then a four times the
bulk of raw rice, so they nearly filled a pot
with it and added a little water to boil.
It soon commenced to boil, and they

fired first one pistol and then another
until every pistol they had in camp was full
men thin six cups.

Received long letters from Mother and
Charley this evening.

Saturday, 14th

I know P is getting some other dangerous
scheme in which he desires to take a part.
Oh, I wish he would do the thing as we do,
as usual. Thank us. Let it be for him to
do the hard work, but leave his dignity to
very such plans into execution.

Pride is a vice of the Orient-
ment office afford the first hand of promotion
of B. Hayes about sending his life to such an
expedition as this last. They have not few charges
against him. I think and would be glad to
put him out of their way. Will look and
nicked in them.

Thank goodness the certificate of adm,
signs petition has been found. The fair of
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Since then it has never been seen until this morning when it was found in the grass in Mama's room. It is worth $300 for accuracy.

Sunday 14th

Papa seems to think there is danger of our furniture, lock, &c. in Washington being captured by the government. I have written to mother to claim all her own that can be accommodated at her house. It will be hard for us to begin the house again without anything.

Monday 15th

Papa left this morning. Mama has gone to start to take little children.

I have undertaken the house keeping. We have no cook since the old woman who had in Jemmy's place left us. Billoo has been doing his best in that capacity, and he do his chamber work.

Mama is very much under the weather. She left the letter together with her. Suck broth are more than she can stand.

Wednesday 16th

The insurrection has cleared out the militia in all the counties north of the James river. There is a great deal of discontent felt about it. It is thought as Virginia has furnished so large a proportion of the Southerners as that the militia in the southern States should be called out first.

We heard last night that a portion of in the region in eastern Virginia had been defeated by an overwhelming force and hundreds of our men killed and taken prisoners, Col. Pegram among the number. The directed counties in eastern Virginia sent several members to the Congress at Washington. They elected a convention some time ago - led by - There are about twenty and thirty discontented counties I believe.

Wednesday 23rd

There is news of a most disastrous affair in eastern Virginia. General Barnwell has attacked by sea the island with a force that cut -
The enemy.

Friday, May 19th.

The Arkansas and Tennessee regiments went up to Manassas yesterday morning, leaving no troops at the Exch except a few broadside companies.

There is no train from Richmond this morning. All the cars have been put upon the central road to carry troops to Manassas.

Sent for brigade to Western Virginia.

Papa writes saying he is going up to visit Frank Daines. But Daines is sick at Lady Dale, and cannot come here now.

Capt. Helmers has charge of the depots as James River. Dick is with him.

Papa says as things are now we must have something decided very soon. God help us and give victory to the right.

Mr. Baker is first mate of Smith's Battery on Potomac river.

Saturday, July 28th.

Harold he has left the camp.
On the 15th our fort posts retreated as the enemy advanced until they came to Roke
such, about four miles from Manassas, where
they made a stand.

The Federal troops numbered about ten
thousand under Gen. the Peabody, and the
Confederates not less than ten thousand.

The enemy were repulsed three times with
considerable loss about five or six hundred.
Our loss was not more than fifty.

Gen. Stewman commanded in person.

Cousin Mary and the children
arrived here last night. Cousin Dolney
will be up to-night with Papa.

This last forts to the 25th of Aug. and
did not stop one day on the way. They
were forty days in crossing the plains in
an uncovered wagon and camped out
every night. They look like Indians
they are so dirty. Cousin Nancy tells
us they had no food on the plains,
but have "kipper's chips"

The Confederate Congress met to-day.
Thank God, thank God. I hope it is all true.

What would I not give to hear that they are now in Arlington Heights.

There has been lots of news from the telegraph rooms. Is a picture worth the farmer.

A large column of the enemy was taken at the point of the bayonet by our sharp-shooters.

Tuesday 23rd.

We only pursued the enemy as far as Centreville on Sunday.

Gen. Benaquard commanded the right wing, Gen. Johnston the left and Maj. Davis the center.

Gen. Davis sent the following telegraph to the wife:

"We have been a glorious battle fought — the fight closes with the enemy in full flight. I pursued by our troops.

For two of our Virginia regiments every officer alive. The rank of sight was killed. We fought in the open field.

Joseph was last night. I think not be another train for some days.

There was an officer here last night who was in the fight at Bull Run. He says that the South Carolinians after seeing their dead, their muskets and charged with their brass knives seizing the Yankees by the collar and cutting them down.

We have a gentleman passing just from Washington. He said that many members of Congress and others went in carriages to see the fight last Thursday.

According to the newspaper, cavalry are to pass through the line to stop on their way to Maryland. The Kentucky Brigade of 4,000.

Beneath.
and not behind intrenchments.

What suffering there must be
among these poor Christian soldiers. Wish
I was yet to go and help nurse them.
I am trying to raise a little money to buy
d a few comforts for them.

I am disappointed that our troops
only pursued the enemy to Centreville. I
had hoped they were now in Alexandria.

The news last night is
mostthropos that Gen' Holman's command
was not engaged, that his mind might
be relieved about her fears.

Dinner Belle cut her
thumb slightly with the scissors yesterday.
The sight of the blood made her very sick
and she came near fainting. But is pretty
like her mother.

Received a letter from Dick. He is
at Burnet's camp on James river.

Wednesday 19th

In the President, official report to the War
Department he says that not over fifteen

Thousands of our troops have engaged in the battles
at Manassas, and about thirty thousand of the
enemy. They have from eight to ten thousand
killed and taken prisoners. Our loss is about
fifteen hundred.

The loss, thirty-seven pieces of cannon and
arms enough to arm the State of Maryland.

Soldiers, sailors, and civilians, all killed in
the battle on Sunday. Three of the Blackford
boys were engaged, all are safe.

Mr. Hill came to take letters over the lines.
He has gone to Maryland on Secret Service.

Thursday.

Uncle Ebenezer and Tobin, gentlemen from here
have been up to Manassas to see the battle field.

Removal. This evening, says that many of the
victims (slaves) are still lying upon the field.

Our men are burying them. Bob White
was there. He recognizes the body of the dead.

Romney and gave it Christian burial.

We hope that the panic in Black

Itington, after the battle, was terror. No
dies to the long ridge were raised to prevent
all the troops in Alexandria, and the politics
lines between them and Washington from
flying into the city.
Washington (the day) could have been
longer in the five thousand men.
Why did not our generals do it?
The members of Congress were taken
prisoners. One of them begged privately for his
life.
The imperial machine with which some
body attempted to clear up the Senate some
weeks ago, was picked up and carried to
Washington. It was attributed to father
and the Washington Star in ridicule of it
and its failure reminds its readers that
Capt. Young was the man who tried some years
ago to end some of these fearful lives at
the Lockebury.

Tuesday, July 22nd
The men we heard of that pretty last
Sunday. The greater it seems to be.

We took fifty old cannon and four
hundred wagons, each one piled with flour
and provisions of various kinds, and several
thousands hands of armed men in their cases
which were brought to arm the loyal citizens
of Richmond. Their army was most
completely equipped in every respect. They had
Blacksmiths shop and medicine regiments also.
They were sworn to contemplate a
depart, and the arrogance and headlong
of their preparations for adversity an almost insane
conception. Many gentlemen and ladies
came from Washington to witness the battle.
Elegant ladies had been prepared at this
place R.R. and Centerville by French cooks
where they meant to regale themselves after
their victory. Our soldiers found the tables
set, and many baskets of champagne and
twine.

Abraham Lincoln proposes to conduct
this war on the most humane and proper
principles, yet he has declared all prisoners
and surgical instruments contraband of war.
Nothing more is heard from among citizens.
People. And now having departed us, as far
for as in his place, of all means of attending to our own sick and wounded — he leaves his poor relations to our care. They have none left to look for any of their wounded, or to carry their dead. Our soldiers bring them in branches, filly, and sickly at a time.

Franklin says that not one of the bodies he saw had been seen. One man took them. They were right. We have no brother.

Saturday, August 3rd, 1861.

There is no in such a state of suspense and anxiety for the past week that I have not had the heart to write.

Each day we hoped to hear that Gen. Beauregard had attacked Alexandria and Arlington heights, but each day we were disappointed. I understand that he is within a few miles of Alexandria, and has lain for more than a week. Why did not he attack them the day after the battle when their troops need to panic Washington and demoralize? However, I when he knows his own business best.

Received a letter from Johnny yesterday. He says there are one thousand sick and 1300 wounded

at the university and Charlottesville together.

The wounded were brought in open cars and had been exposed to the rain for twenty-four hours. So many of the poor sufferers it is astonishing how they live up. Their eyes were as bright and their voices as clear, as though sound and bold, but a complaint was uttered, they died in their footsteps, and he has passed. But the hardest hit.

Johnny is sleeping on the love floor, has given up his bed to one of them. Among the wounded are Yankees.

A letter arrived from cousin Lewis last night. He says — Two batteries in guard at one of the sick wards yesterday. When the wounded came at midnight, without any notice to the nurses, the ladies shouldered their own beds, fixed them in the lecture rooms, and then packed the after day back carrying the wounded from the cars.
let a letter from Ann. at Charlotte. She gives some very interesting incidents connected with the Battle. She says, when she reached the hospital it was crowded with the wounded, where she saw many scenes very distressing. When I think of brave boys, Billy, whom I taught to read, and others of my intimate friends lying on the floor and covered with blood, the tears started from my eyes. I cannot describe the emotions I felt on that occasion.

In the long lines the enemy's batteries opened on our hospital, and the doctors had to remove all the wounded, and place them on the slope of a hill some distance in the rear. From here they were not safe for several that fell among them.

Our flag—a yellow one—was sighted by the enemy to distinguish with the national flag from the point where the enemy's batteries were. What a set of barbarians! Tom is surgeon in the 1st Pa. regiment.

Cousin Delany is acting Adjutant-General with the rank of Col. He has joined the ranks. So at Brooks station between here and the York.

General Preble has been put in command of the forces near Washington. Cousin D. says he is the most able general they have. When he is put against...

Spruce Hill Farm up from Richmond on Saturday. The letter went down some days before to see about the bridge. There has been great misunderstanding about it. It is employed now with five spans on the part of the officers and crew.

A black woman came here a few days ago to apply for the place of cook. She gave her name as Diavella, Ferguson. The same woman who ran away withлон ми and myself to New York when he was at July. She is going down to Philadelphia to make a visit to Judge Bullger. From the preparations he is making the most intimate to
to spend eight or ten months at least. Some you wish I had more amiable and once charitable.

Sunday 6th
Will left for Alexandria this morning.
Naps don't seem to suit her father's complexion. I did not alter this like it. But it is only a rough draft that is to be sent to the Vice President.

Wrote a long letter to Maria Massey. She has a few dolls and clothes that she would never hear from the Northern papers. No news from the armies.

Wednesday 7th
Mr. S. says that the recent General Johnston has not moved on to Alexandria and Washington is in the heart of provisions and goods.
After the battle at Bull Run, Poeta Nichols was requested to go and assist in founding the wounded. He was there Sunday and Saturday and stayed Sunday.

to see as whipped. On the next he can look the surgeons who were flying. Is he happier that the last one time he got back to Washington. Wonder they didn't do it the first time they had been separated since their parting. Oh, how I wish he had been taken prisoner. But that I wish him any reason but I would like any brother in law to see something of the minds and spirit of the people here.

We can troops fought bravely at Manassas but the Confederates obliged them all. Their praise is in everybody's mouths their valor and courage beyond all praise.

One regiment laid flat in their faces for an hour and forty five minutes and at the sight innocents were charged and can and very thing before them. Thirty right were killed whilst they lay in that position. Not in the head. One Vale killed seven but they never moved. The man said it wore at least five hours that they lay there. It was a part of Jackson's Brigade.
During the fight some of the South Carolina troops deserted. Col. S. inspected them to blend and said, \'Tell them look at Jackson's Brigade, it looks like a new deal.\' Since then he has led the invincible hills of Stone wall Jackson.

Have been busy for the last few days helping anyone make a tent. It is right with wood.

I am so selfish. Have been building a great many castles to day. Making plans and finding myself in a happy frame after the woods. Wonder if I will ever have home of our own again.

Friday the 24th
Papa came up last night and bought Belle and Miss Mary and their cousin Billy Bernstein.

Rebecca has left us at last to go have to do the house work as well as the entertaining.

General Beauregard went to Richmond the other day to say that the spirits of our great victory were lost for the want of transportation and provisions. He couldn't follow up the enemy. Oh! for a more efficient cabinet. One regiment of Mississippi was without food for twenty-four hours.

January 14th

There is talk of breaking up here and going to cousin Frank's in Alexandria. I cannot get a cook and Robert is too busy to look after the house, in which case I must stand him much longer.

January 15th

Mrs. Parker arrived here last night. She is on her way to Richmond to see her daughter. Leva, she left Washington going back across the Potomac in an open boat at night. I have invited her to come here to day. Oh me, I wish the day was ever -

Wednesday the 1st

I felt through yesterday better than I expected. Tell Sarlat was very entertaining. She brought over a good deal of money in a black leather bag around her waist, and many...
Mrs. Tarbox told me that she and mother had been attending to the wants of the prisoners in Washington.

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Friday

The girls left this morning. We enjoyed their visit very much, and I think they enjoyed theirs. We have no house servants, and cleaned up our rooms ourselves every day.

She has proposed that the ladies of America be asked to hold a meeting and send a petition to Congress for a peace flag. She suggests a blue ground with a circle of eleven stars near the staff. This is simple and suitable. She claims to be a peace woman.

We saw long yesterday afternoon making a model. I think the blue ground is rather dark and incline to a white flag with red stars.

Saturday 11th

Upwards of ten thousand people passed through here yesterday on their way to Market Place. There thousands went the day.
Here, and none are coming to day. What can it all mean? General Holmes has more than twelve thousand men in his command now.

General Lyon and his forces have had a battle in Missouri. One arm has been victorious. Gen. Lyon was killed.

Charles F. Faulkner — ex-Minister to Paris — has been arrested in Washington.

Sunday 18th

Papa and Will come last night. The latter has had a charming visit in Raleigh. We expect to look up here this week. Thomas and the children are going to visit Frank Baines. Missing will return to Tarry Vale and I do not know where. Will and I will go. He wants to get some business in Bath. I am trying to get some business in Raleigh. I wish I could get something to support us this winter.

I have not had a chance from Washington. Reader, if I live, get it safe. It is running a great risk, have refused to pay twenty-five dollars to get it here.

Wednesday 21st

Mr. Hay meeting was held yesterday. I have made President. Our Chief Secretary and Ellen Mercer, Austin wrote the petitions to Congress. It is simply and beautifully written. Every one that has seen it adores it.

An account of the meeting will be published in the papers tomorrow.

A committee has appointed to have the memorial printed with a circular letter addressed to the ladies of the Confederacy asking them to help. Similar meetings to petition Congress.

The flag has hoisted over the gentlemen and courts where we held our meeting and was the admiration of every one. The battle near Springfield occurred as was a great victory. About twelve five hundred of the enemy killed and hundreds burned. Hoorah! for our tide. Hoorah for the right.
Tuesday.

Was busy yesterday helping Papa, and making a skirt for a relative at the hotel.

Friday morning that the railroad has put the train that runs from the town up along the range and back of the Potomac to prevent any more passing across the river. Good bye to my husband. I mean in fact to see it now.

Sunday.

Papa, Mama, and the children left yesterday for Baltimore.

I got a note from them last night saying that the railroad had failed to make the connection.

While amusing the children with a hand car, Papa had become hit. Up in some hay and made it very painful. He could not bear his weight on it. Mama said if it got brave by the meaning they could return.

Aunt Mary, Nancy, and I have very busy yesterday packing Mama's clothes and gear, while and house ladies & co. to be moved where ever it may be wanted. Wish I knew where or when we are going.

Tuesday, 4th.

Aunt Mary went down to Secretary State with another yesterday. She is no one in the house now left cousin John, Bill, and myself. Albert came to us and cousin Edna will help with the house to clean up.

Have a night handsome time in the usual old house. Bill is with cousin John all the time. Hopes the way in his office, and sits with him in his room till twelve or one o'clock at night. And cousin John is the present and the most handsome old man in Frederick. Every look comes in that opinion. Bill is in the office now reading some of the papers.

I have my lady, a novel, and a paper of candy. What more could any reasonable person want? The fact is I must learn to care less for him and more for
take the oath of allegiance to America.

Yesterday, 20th

The citizens were afraid to go near the depot, so they sent a note to the President, asking if he would come to the city of Washington.

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Friday, 22nd

Richard Walker was a black Republican who had been made Mayor of Washington in place of the Republican mayor who had been arrested.
of Mr. Scott.

A guard has been placed on the
Phillips house and in the Green house.

One of my sick soldiers comes out
to be a block made, except in one of the
regiments. Had them come back
this morning.

It is almost impossible to get
change now. We have Expectation notes for
fifty cents and it is very hard to lay
nearly five cents worth of any thing. The
shop men have resisted to the request of
freeing one life. The following is a
copy of one I received yesterday.

Do.

Cunningham's Cash. Fish Store.

E. M. Drew.

85 cts.

William A. Cunningham & Co

August 32nd 1861

Return paid there is no chance of getting my

trunk. Every thing and every thing.

Washington is searched and examined.

From foot to tall pencilled to the toe of
being all my good and handsome clothes.

There is but one other defeat shot.

Have not a single thick dress here, except
an old brown silk that I have turned and
primrose around the button with a black jet
passing. I feel my ears and walk being
Sunday dress.

Every thing in the bath is in the way
of my good and groceries are very high and can

not be purchased in price. Sugar is twenty
five cents per pound and the $2.50. butter
is twelve cents a pound.

Scarcely grain, meat and vegetables are
reasonable the price and for can do without
the same coffee until he tells the teachers.

Not happy to live sick places last

night.

August 32nd 1861

Monday, September 1st 1861

Took Horace, Bob to church for the first
time. He behaves very well. Dr. Harmon

was present.
Monday the 4th.

A letter seems to be hourly expected. Our fence men are very near Alexandria. Our pickets are close to the enemy. The great care our army may be taking.

Tuesday.

Cousin Robert has written to ask if he could not take us to leave with him this winter. I have written to ask cousin Ellice if she will take us.

Saturday the 6th.

Received a letter from Papa this morning. He says the business has gone him a commencement for Dick. Dick was in the Patriot army which is to be disbanded shortly.

On the 10th of August, my dear lady last night, she was much delighted with it. There with the first, she did it. It is the first time that I have seen the time to write an hour tolby to her amusement. Will's part in Darby came out in to daily Inquirer.

Sunday.

Dick is fine. Came yesterday. He talked of being married about the middle of October. He is a Major of Virginia militia. Me and wants to be married before to be ordered away.

Tell what soon to Richmond this morning. The Sedgwick art, lately passed by Congress, provides for a board of
Thursday, May 14th.

With arrival last Saturday, he has some help that Judge Hildreth will give him the office of Recorder for this District, but from what I heard he will be disappointed. Our State and our laws are both very primitive.

Judge or must be an old fogey to have all to say.

Presumably Bill will return to Pipe and Thursday to remain until it is decided

and look after his interests.

Great deal with going to early

date to spend a week. He had taken quite

back soon after we arrived. I sent him a telegram about four. He said we could sit down

and the place being small. At dinner time

I sent him with the horses to borrow one of

the neighbor's carriages, and persuaded him

ward to come up with me this morning.

After Bonnie said it is the last thing I

would have done.

Friday.

Dick left the meeting in Baltimore. He had been ordered to join the twenty-fourth Virginia regiment and the chain bridge.

About a child alone. Early train.

Hope talks of building a furnished house in Chicago.
Dick tells us this last. But he is so young, and has so little military experience. But help him. I cannot help thinking it was a most injudicious appointment.

The Yankees are planning a secret expedition. It is supposed to be against the Rappahannock. Our regiment has been ordered down to Fredericksburg as the left flank of the army.

Mammy, our youngest, ran away three months ago. She came back last night. She says she can't stand it. She wants to bring Belgium and going back.
Wednesday.

There is no chance of Willy getting the appointment as Sheriff. We believe Willy will get it this evening by the case. He has written and hand.

Well! I am sure it is all for the best. It has to have been our fate. But the others applicants are already let off. But that is the way of the world!

We have not an English pennant pass come into Savannah ladies with blankets, shoes and ammunition. Hope it is true.

There has been a skirmish in Kentucky. He killed them.

Papa is going to come back home as soon as possible and fix up the house.

Monday, September 30th.

There has been too much to write lately. Mama is coming tomorrow and we have had a great deal to do in getting things ready for her.

Papa came off Friday and stayed two days in the city. She bought my trunk!! More letters. Mother bought it from Washington. She was sent across from Fort Washington, under a flag of truce.
My dear old uncle had one thing in it that I had written for and Mother now thought of many little things that I wanted besides, such as music, action, etc., etc., etc.

It was elegantly packed and Mother was just about ready to send it up. I was just in the midst of one of my classes, for fear the teacher might be reached and say pictures recognized.

Cousin Charlie had heard it for his touch and was much disappointed about it. However, they gave many of his letters in with mine.

I was so thankful to get it up, I had given it up for lost.

Papa has been writing a letter lately to England, France, and Holland giving an account of our National difficulties from the Southern side. They only in the North can accounts. It is said to be a very good letter, but I am rather disappointed in it. He brought it up to me and my self to make a copy. I was fairly
and that I could write to Mother and thank her for my toast.

We are having a lottery at Easen-pot.

Wednesday.

Mama and the girls came last night.

Johnny received them. Maryland is to remain at least six weeks at a while.

Thursday.

Was so disappointed that my dear wife did not come last night. Got a letter from him this morning. I say the Statesmen to all the Districts are there and are to hold a caucus to decide upon many questions that are likely to arise.

Friday.

He will go.

Johnny is very silent and rather lone. I think. He and young Charles Finley have been recruiting in Madison and some counties trying to raise an artillery company.

If they do not succeed Johnny will join Sandlil's artillery.

By law he first lieutenant of cadets at the University of Virginia all the summer, and has had to drill them every day. He has had a bad effect on him and increased his storms raging very much. He preserved and been good but it got worse and worse every day.

There were some commands that he could not give as he was quite ill. One time I would have gone with you but I could not.

Back to his seat, I knew what a trial it is to him and I can sympathize with him.

Saturday.

All came last night. and Bob came from the Old Brickhouse. I hear about joining Johnny's company.

Sunday.

Sopa came up last night. He was burned in the order of a most trivial duty, to pay for some arms that have been taught. Here a duty that any honest man, however poor his capacity, can attempt to just as well. He says it is a sentence of banishment.

Last a while, and that he is as likely to
Even if he gets thru safely the Yankee convulsions, Mr. Shaffer, who is a most valuable and active man, will it ever inform his government that Papa is there, and what he has come for. So that he will be closely watched and not allowed to return. The duty is a dangerous one at best, and deadly so for him.

I wish to go with him. It would be a great comfort to have one of his children with him. You acquire some one to write for him. If the host come to the worst and we were captured, they certainly would not put a woman in Fort Lafayette, and I could be of great service in sending him many comforts from New York.

Many thanks she ought to go. But Papa says he cannot take either of us, unless by his movements.

Every one who has heard of the orders is very indignant about it. Mr. Lincoln says it is a virtual repeal of the late act of Congress appropriating three hundred dollars for Papa to use in blowing up vessels and planting in marine batteries, &c., for the probability is if we set to this in time there will have to remain there till the end of the war. Because Delany went to my house, he has always been very indignant for Papa to have any thing to do with these infernal machines. I think it is very dangerous service and one in which there is very little chance of success.

If Papa were prepared I had rather see him die gloriously in his bid to night than start on this expedition.

Morning 7th.

Papa has sent Chas. Jack and Bel Brown with his infernal machines one to blow up the Minnesota, the other the Blooock on Thursday night.

If they succeed, and he is not telegraphed to leave before then his case may be altered.

If it is right, God grant that they may be successful.
I feel as though this appointment here given to me in accordance to my prayers. I prayed so earnestly and sincerely for it. It was more to him than to any of the other applicants. He has promised that he shall give a good deal to the rich and suffering colonies this winter.

L. F. says, I could resign without them. But on this duty. He says I must keep house this winter, that Obama is not able to do it.

Wednesday, 9th.

Become went up to see the United States goods—day train. She had received a letter from Dick. He had been in a skirmish and shot a Yankee.

I wrote to friend Charles M. Conrad yesterday asking him if he could do any thing to get these orders to Pope's melted. I never saw him and do not know what influence he has, at any rate the letter can do no harm. He is chairman of the committee on moral affairs.

Wife says he fell so drunk like a gentleman going up to his office every day, and having something to do. The district consists of fourteen counties and the town of Lake Beckley. He has rented Uncle John's office.
Dear Charles McConnel,

Dear sir,

I write you that my father, Commodore D. H. McClen, has been ordered to Cuba to pay for some arms that have been purchased there. It is now decided that any officer of the army or navy is not fully qualified as he is the Secretary of War, not having an army officer to speak for a navy officer. And his feelings are such that show his opinion as to what would be best. He will be opposed by any other officer of the army or navy.

He is now waiting a summons by telegraph to go to New Orleans and take in a yacht for Cuba. He has a steam man of crew there that has been waiting for months and in rain, to get out to sea. Even if he should reach Havana safely, the chances are few for his getting back. The lumber several there, the steam flat, will at once inform his government.

That letter is there, and what for, so that he will be patched.

Can't you do something to get those crews recalled?

Mr. McClen's children would never think from his going on any duty that was as hazardous as it was dangerous. But these crews seem to begin to notify him and put him out of the way.

He knows nothing of this letter.

We expect the telegram every day.

Yours truly,

Betty H. McClen.

I crossed it with my maiden name because I thought he might give it some attention if he thought I was a pretty young girl.

I am afraid the letter is not enclosed enough.

Friday 11th

Was busy yesterday and the day before writing to Papa. I am writing a letter to the Governor of Virginia asking him to get the State to appropriate one million of dollars to build a hundred steam launches with which to
drive the enemy from our parties.

Last night was the time for the
Saukauke and the Minnesauke to be driven
up. It was a beautiful night for the
expedition, clear and dark. I hope
they have succeeded.

Cape got a telegram from cousin
Dobbs last night asking if he could
finish his letter. The trip is done,
but he could not. He only had them made as they are wanted.

Saturday, 12th

Have heard nothing from cousin Jack
or Bob Minnie. Drop to feel anxious about
them.

Bob Minnie is to be put in Papa's place
in charge of the Scott, Jackson, Carson.

He is a young Lieutenant, good manners,
but not much to be put at the head of
this Bureau. While my father, the cleverest
and most distinguished scientific man
in the country, a man whom all officers
here sought to honor, is not upon this

Tried and most dangerous duty to Cape.

This is little modification to him.

Sunday night

Cape got a telegram last night from cousin
Jack, and our. This morning, Bob Minnie.

The former did not finish his letter on
Thursday night, the weather was not propitious.

Cabinet Bob passed his at eight hours.

Says he should have gone closer.
He is much disappointed at the failure.

One of Uncle Charley's cousins - Cap's
Elockton - is going. They think he will do it
without. I spent this evening to talk to it up
with him. It was well received.

Blue Hill's heart: he has stopped
chasing rabbits because it is too disagreeable
to me. He came up last night, and said he
had a present for me, and gave me the last
piece he had.

We are in hourly doubt of the Savannah
to start on the Cuban expedition.
Sunday

Little suit and Sunday night.

Our meetings from Cairo south yet.

I feel very much that he is on a trip, one

that his expedition has failed.

Capt. Allen has read the minutes

at the mouth of the Mississippi, and
dinner others of the Backshore Squadron

away.

Tuesday

There have been many reports about the

South at Savannah, upon which he depends

to keep the navigation of the Potomac.

It has been open and quiet here.

Some say it is entirely insufficient; others that the

range of the guns has not yet been adjusted,

and the quartermaster plans, and others

that the main battery close to the river

has not yet been repaired.

I got a letter from cousin good

yesterday. He has made one trip, but has

a considerable pilot and could not find the

ship. He kept his batteries forever and

planned to stay again.

Great Saturday evening at Uncle Franklin.

Barbara has come down tonight for only

six weeks or so. She has come to marry Henderson

writing. Our Dick and the Finches are
to be married on Tuesday (I am not quite

sure) and Dunaway will be married on Wednesday.

Friday

Our first (the Sixth fielder cousin) has been

getting to invite us to the house Sunday evening.

This was our evening and he asked
to help. That if Dick comes it will be

his wedding, if not, it will be his party.

I cannot see how she can write, even can have

the heart to prepare a party of looking into

the past. In these lines, when do not know

pick one day into the future, and every thing

may as to darkness and dejection. The day

night of the party Dick with many others

on us to engage in a terrible battle.

This was long this morning packing

all of our clothes that are not in suit. Do that we
can now at least notice.

Saturday.

General Sumner commands the forces that are expected up by the bridgehead.

By last time I have had he was one of power. Our army's greenmean.-and we all came up this river together on a pleasure party. I believe if he can remember all the incidents of that party? I was not sixteen. It is the first time I had ever officiated as bridesmaid, or been to a grand up-party, so everything made a wide impression on my mind.

I sent a telegram from Dick last night. Says he will not be able to come to his wedding. Sidney carried it up to see. I felt very sick at the preparations made and the gowns furnish. It is all in quantity that since last will not give her party now that she knows five days before hand that Dick cannot come.

Sunday.

Dick's wedding day and he is not here.

Now entirely the condition of the country changes everything. Six months ago a gentleman who failed to keep such an engagement would have been severely punished. Now it is simply a matter of comment.

We have a baby yesterday and received letter from Dick. Since he has applied some days ago, you have been to be married, but was sure now that he could not get it, and even if he could, he would not have it this critical junction. When a battle is expected every day.

I am sorry he applied for those. They are grand preparations going on for the wedding at uncle Byrdes. Mrs. George Hunter, the green, arrived yesterday. He is stationed near Enron and has a month's furlough.

Wednesday, 33rd October.

Good news, good news! Mrs. Unger called by here yesterday with a telegram. She has just received stating that her had had a battle near Shirley. She thinks here. Turned into one before the river.
They had twelve regiments against five of ours. This battle occurred on the 20th Thursday.

Sunday.

Papa wrote a letter this morning to be delivered. He said his official letter this morning simply stated that they have recalled.

Friday.

Rannie Belle has the measles and she has no one to care for her. I hope she is doing well. I hope this will give us some time to quiet in quiet.

I am afraid it is going to rain. Rannie Belle will not read it with interest when she gets too tired of it to quiet in quiet.

Sunday.

She wrote to me to tell you that I had had no time to write in quiet.

Wednesday.

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Thursday.

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The battle at Petersburg was more signal victory than at first reported. The Southerns believe it was not less than three hundred and forty thousand prisoners.

Papa received a letter some days ago from Col. Bush, at Lincoln's Point, stating that cousin Jack's money was in trouble on the two nights before his late one. They could not keep up the reserves of the Diet. And he seems to go with him. That he took great interest in the success of the destruction and speed to be it. He had through the negligence of an insufficient officer. A chair in the house would only step. They are not the least mean that could be found for such service. He is entirely forgetful of self, toils, and dangers and calamities.

It came up from Richmond last night to report to Papa. Wonder what he said? We all went to Army Reunions wedding on Wednesday night. After the ceremony he had a dance. The supper was very elegant. Bill and I caused some hell to be caused. We were the first to have been there since we left Washington.
A South Carolina troop of a thousand men passed through here to day.

Mr. Randolph had to postpone the service until they had passed. the congregation would not assemble.

Papa has written orders to repeat in Richmond tomorrow.

Have kept my last notes like this last last night. Will write you later. I went to move dinner in the evening and the presence moved me. When he returned he found the party in the parlour in high spirits. Dining had got half pace and came down. One caller has there and Papa and cousin Jack have reading cassetes.

Papa had just received a letter from the Russian ambassador in Washington including one from H. H. the Czar. Duke Constantine of Sweden inviting him to make his country his home.

Mr. Spear's sent the letter through the British consul at Charleston, and says Papa must send his answer in the same way.
Tuesday.

Debbie Biltis Letters is stilling up.

It is said that Lence is engaged to Laura Banner. She is a nice girl of age date and he is an old man's clock and a peddler.

Wednesday.

Judge McKevitt has been arrested in Washington for writing a suit of bolsas against a soldier who is a minor.

He got a letter this morning from the Federal attorney telling him to report as soon as possible to the Secretary of the Navy all the if the order to be dispensed in this District.

Friday. November 1st.

Our Commissioners to England and France have arrived and Mr. Lincoln have stated in a British Steamer from Cuba.

They ran the Blockade at Charleston some weeks ago.

A most promising Yankee flat left Liverpool. Please last Tuesday.

We feel very anxious about it.

Saturday.

The Subsecedent has issued a most eloquent proclamation.

By the aid of not only in getting up his military company, it is very anxious to join one of the batteries on the Danville as private. Hope to oppose it. Looks from you to us.

By the order of ...
of one boat before day it is probable, and 
daybreak is soon after sunrise.

Thursday.

Papa has received the Grand DKer's 
letter. He stated he could not go later, but 
that the war was expected to last for the 
place of a greatful heart.

Thursday.

The twelve armed Frigate night Parma 
the transports of Annapolis Government on this 
North Carolina coast. Papa says Russell 
in our allies the priests and the nurses, and 
play is that great and good. Being above mina - 
above the sea.

Have been laying things to send to Dick.

Friday. 

Wednesday.

Wearing.

Have just paid an accident from the War.

General Scott has retired from active service 
beause of his age and infirmities he says.

Lincoln and his cabinet called upon the old 
President to express their regret and thank 
him for his services to his country and his 
attendance to the nation. In the council 
was effective to ladies and wives that he was 
able to assist in crushing the rebellion. 
And he is a Virginian.
Mr. Cleveland is the commander in chief.

Commander Sutcliffe has engaged the enemy off Fort Ripal Entrance.

My precious child is sick again. He has the scarlet fever.

Tuesday,

We have gained a victory and sustained a defeat since last week.

The enemy that have captured Fort Wilkes and Bay Point Battery, on either side of Fort Ripal, naturally. He is expecting hourly to hear of a battle at Port Royal. I am glad he has gone down to take command of the coast defenses.

We gained a signal victory at Belmont Kentucky, on the 8th. The battle lasted five hours.

Tuesday.

Rosamie, Billa is better I hope. Her father bought her a china baby the other day of which she is very proud because it is china.

Constantly says "I went back home, it is so warm."

Monday, November

Rosamie Billa is still the sick for me to think of writing regularly in my diary. The scarlet fever is an epidemic here now. Many children are dying every day from it. I shall be so thankful if my little one is spared.

The enemy still holds Fort Royal harbor, the islands and forts.

They have made me attempt to go further into the interior. Their object this way is to open several of the Southern ports so that the Union men of the south may send their cotton abroad.

The British frigate in which Monroes Creek and Shiloh (our communication line to England and France) left Savannah was captured by a United States man of War (Capt. Wilkes) and the commissioners and their secretaries carried to British Princet. England will have lost much of her old pride and vengeance if the United States do not assert her power.

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Friday, December 22nd.  

Since the President's message last night.  

I spoke of our invasion of glorious pictures.  

Either the fact that man, Woman, Spring- 

field, Springfield, Bellingham and Portland.  

and say, We shall continue this struggle 

in almost to dependence upon Providence, to 

where can be confidently submit our destinies.  

knowing that clearly it always was, that 

there exists the unanswerable will to be 

free?  

Sunday, December 22nd.  

The Examines comes out in a 

very bitter piece against Rarla. Says he 

wants this appropriation of a million dollars 

to profit both.  

The piece was 

written by Quinton Washington.  

Sundays private secretary.  

If I were man 

I would gone whip him.  

During the evening, Massachusetts Martine 

has been severely shot in the leg. 

It is just looking out now that the 

fight at Pittsburg.Instance has a most 

disgraceful affair on our part. 

The game was by last evening. That all 

but one were dismounted by the mismanage 

ment of two gunners.  

The one 

dismounted at the first fire and after the 

second fire were opened by the jamming 

of the jamming him in the gun.  

Sunday. 

Nothing has transpired lately worthy of note. 

Our troops are preparing to go into winter 

quarters and we will probably have no more 

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From page 1:

"...in his resignation. He has not accepted..."

"He left at once in a hurry for the tumbler..."

"The tumbler in a stage part of the day. His fellow-travellers..."

"sincerely spoke a word... each one was afraid of the others..."

"When the Allan got out..."

"walk up a hill on whose..."

"who was talking..."

"closer to Jimmy said..."

"The state line, no state line..."

"was his reply. All right, said the man..."

"I came from that state myself..."

"The morning brought..."
and decided to petition the Government
to arrest the insult offered to their flag.

Dr. James held a cabinet meeting,
and determined the last instance to send a
specil messenger with dispatches to some
honor. This much is certain.

The papers say that she has received the
letter of Mr. Monroe and Mr. Gallatin and their
respective letters, and that the Yankee
Government apologize for the insult.

In the meantime she has sent over
a supply of ammunition & guns to Canada.

To the Yankees will have to choose between
public disgrace or a war with England.

From the time of their papers they will choose
the latter. If they do, the first action of
the British Government will be to acknowledge
the independence of the Confederate States,
head up the blockade, & open
the cotton market, which will keep many
thousand English people from ruin and
prevent this winter.

If it is all true, we can see place

Observing in the distance. We ought to
know that such things have determined
his prospects. In fact, the news has been
reported, and the difficulty will be something
else in some way or other.

To answer what cause time and cause and
the rest of these Yankees English manage think
now?

The Confederate Government brings
Saba, the appropriation to his steam
launches. He is to build them and
command them when built. He hopes
to bring them into service by the first of
January next.

The Yankee Government has decided to return
Green and Nicoll to the New York
 situated cooks.

Capt. Wilkes captured the Commission
ers without the authority of the Government.

Capt. the Secretary of the Navy commanded
him to what he has done. In his message
to congress, and congress has publicly
approved of it. It will be a National disgrace for them to give the Roman Catholics up. Iago can help for peace. We will have to fight it out by ourselves.

Despatch Dick to Pittsburgh.

The second wedding day had been fixed for tomorrow. But he got a telegram this evening saying he could not come.

Epitome of a dream of Annie Belle.

She has been cold.

January 29th.

Mama has been telling Annie Belle lately about how the little girl lived with Aunt Louisa. Retelling Annie Belle cut a membrane of sound out of the sputum and tied them together and said: "Mama, here is a lock of my aunt Isabella's hair."

January 30th, 1863.

Papa has been at home since before Christmas. He has been quite sick with cold and has the goose neck though he insists it is the same thing. He is much varied at being confined here when it is so important that he should be attending to the building of the new launch.

An aproval should have been given to him by October when he first asked for it. He could have made much head way in the last three months instead of just coming now.

Sundays have been up Monday and Tuesday and felt like traveling to sea.

Jane, but I have made no apology for the partiality of the English Government to James. One friend rather justifies the act in his letter to Seth Gradw.

Says that if Capt. Wilkes had vessels the Haitian and had her condemned at the nearest port it would have been illegal and right. But as that form has omitted, and as the petition has been effectually checked and considered, I have in its proportions he is willing to give the Commissaries up.

We hope to hear from England again on the subject.
Sunday afternoon, Jan 13th

Cousin John Beale dies at the old house to-day. Johnny and I had been with him for an hour or two. We had no idea he was so near his end. Capt. Sims and Capt. Bostock came in just before his breathing his last. His mind had been wandering all the morning and towards the last he was insensible. He was sitting up in his chair when he died.

Thursday.

Cousin John was not buried until yesterday evening. His family would keep him until to-day. The body was kept in our dining room (as fast as possible), and we took all our meals in the kitchen. The house is full of company and Papa continues to his sick room. So let have had a most uncomfortable time.

Certainly the Oriones are a most none-too-picky people. Cousin Mary Blackford would have a few pleasant words to say to many of her old friends and acquaintances as she has following her brother's coffin in and out of the church.

When we get to the ground, cousin Minnie was the first one to jump into the grave, and help the coffin down, and the girls assist in shoveling in the earth.

Father he will have to succumb before long. Papa writes these lines from Cousin John and his bargain with us.

Sunday 18th

Quilly, always gay and faithful servant, died this morning. dressing and shaving was much disliked by about it. She has directed to be

Sip and I have just made a cake of

I cannot help feeling anxious about Minnie Belle. She is so precious and suitable, and is so, so kind in her distress when the news of the death of any friend talks about her being sick and dying, and tells me that she cannot help thinking about it all the time.

She is remarkably precious &teined.
Papa says I ought to be very careful with her and not think her anything, as all was to talk of things above and compare opinions. She insisted of her father. This meaning held much money he had. He asked her why she protested to know. She replied, "Because I want you to send some to the Charleston sufferers." I am sure that was not her motive in asking, but she is so quick and precise at a task for an answer.

Papa sent to Richmond last week. Mrs. Blackford, cousin Mary and Dudley NAssembler were still here attending to the business of cousin John's property.

Wednesday, March 16

Cousin Hester, first consisting of a hundred and twenty-five pounds on salt.

Johnny has gone to Richmond to set as Papa's Clerk for a while.

Thursday, March 17

Cousin Mary Blackford found among cousins.
To-day was a busy day for the forces in Richmond, as they prepared for a new offensive.

**Sunday, February 4th**

We heard yesterday that cousin Dick, a local resident, had been ordered away from the battlefield and sent to join the troops in Arkansas. At last, we have heard from Aunt Eliza, informing us of his safe arrival. She hopes to see him soon.

President Benjamin was the President. His cabinet was reviewing the screening of the new officers, as he is preparing for the future of his military forces. The president ordered his commanders to take charge of the troops.

Dick plans to come to Fredericksburg this week. He was ordered to be present on that day. He will come back, but his return will be uncertain. He is not sure if he will be able to come back, as he is unsure of the news of the war.
This is the same total of his offense.

Tape says the charges against him are most frivolous and trivial. He wants Dick to employ counsel, but Doug is unwilling to plead his own case. He says the first case he wants to be his own. Bless his heart! I hope he may gain it.

It seems to be a belt of falsity attending his marriage.

Rice has yet to be appointed as master in the Navy. It's a thing of a hasp, it's a hasp. He is set as Pope's Blackman.

Our battle has been far greater. The time seemed a long time ago. They did not, we did, and we did the same thing again. They did, we did.

Johnson was spared to join Capt. Lyne's on the South Carolina coast. He is Capt. Lyne's clerk.

The war has been most peculiar. She is with Capt. McCall in Washington and he is in an army near Amherst.

Old Mansion, Monday 10

The enemy have taken Beaufort Island. They shot fifty thousand yards. He had fifty thousand.

Beaufort Island is a vital point and of great strategic importance. It is the key to many countries and trade in North Carolina and endanger's Norfolk. He held it in one grant that they gain me further field between our soil.

Got a precious letter from my dear husband, to say. Oh that the feelings in his face may be lasting.

Tell anecdotes about Johnson. He is with Capt. Lyne. By is the Brunswick fleet that have taken Beaufort.


What miserable and anxious days the past have been. No hope of nothing but disasters were expected on every side.

Capt. Lyne and the little fleet of gunboats were captured at Elizabeth City when they made a stand, but had to give.
up to overwhelming promises. Where is my brother? It seems all are killed, or has he been taken prisoner? If so prepared to die.

We can bear nothing but except that Commanding General had wounded before he was captured.

Our soldiers fought well.

The news from the West is disastrous. The enemy have penetrated into North Alabama as far as the Tennessee.

The lines of the "Great Northern" seem to be tightening around us. That is the name the Yankees have given their plan to crush us simultaneously from all points. God help us. Oh my brother, my brother.

Farewell brothers, sisters.

My brother is dead, Capt. Synch, his officers and crew. We have lost.

God bless my dear husband. He is the father and last that we have.

He told me yesterday morning that he thought the time has come for him to enlist and do what he can for the cause of our country.

But even though he might not be very efficient himself, his example might lead others to go. He has always sacrificed men rather than a man for loving Washington and giving up his profession. His patriotism and all he passed in the world to come here.

And now that he has an office where he can earn more, one that will be quite profitable, and that exempt him from all military duty, he wants to resign it and go into the service as Lieutenant of artillery. Says he is not fit for any higher post and is not strong enough. He is a private.

H. is a life to entirely recompense to all his tastes and feelings. He never had the least taste for field sports, and knows nothing about a gun. All his pleasures were centered in his home and in his books.

If he goes he will make a greater sacrifice of tastes and feelings and worldly prospects than any body I know.
Many wealthy men go, but they can come back to their health. Othere poor men go, but they have nothing to lose and all to gain. Othere go and have their business carried on. Othere is nothing and will give up his only chance of making money to go where he can barely make a living.

He has waiting to hear if Papa is dead or not. If it is right I shall not put the first head against it, though I shall live but half a life without him.

Sunday 16th

We have had a victory at fort Donaldson—son in Tennessee.

Tuesday 18th

It was a false report about fort Donaldson—son. We have a day by telegraph that the enemy have possession of the fort with all our men, arms and equipment.

Our Johnny came yesterday.

Monday 19th

He came from fort Donaldson is confirmed. We repulsed the enemy for three days.

We shall do what we shall do. We can have no particulars yet. It is reported that the enemy captured 18000 of our troops with Tanneal, Johnson, Wilson and Richardson.

One of Biddle is waiting to advance from the Potomac until they will. Meanwhile the scene of battles of our soldiers will have rejoiced and we shall have only a few days in the field. But our men are all spirits. They are not going home at such a time as this. Then that know what life is. It is better to be at least half as well.

Will has arrived unharmed from Bogue. He says you are just right and present. My family has furnished a large share in the service, myself the first and second as an army man. You alone are left with an important public trust in your hands, and the care of my large and dependant family. All lets him to join both those that stay at home to form companies and able to that he may be ready.
in any thing. He does not entirely agree with him. Says he ought to go for the sake of the example to others. His son written to him again. Whatever he does I shall be satisfied, for I know he will do what is right.

It is strange to see such peace living and quiet people as Bill and John Judge - my every night. Williams tactics and a check on Raleigh.

John joined Comanchee Squaw in many a place learning about personal weapons. Before he gets an appointment as Master in the Navy.

He was with Tom Squaw on board the "California" and in the fort at Elizabeth City. When he gave the order to retreat each man held his knife waiting for the order to start. They all walked away very quietly and respectfully. They were very brave.

When they left the "Third Bird" and went to the "First Bird," I went to get him a horse, and take up the enemy for landing in their rear as a surprise. After a short march

If encountered a man galloping in to the town, he fired at his head, and firing the horses. The rider told him that he wanted to go after the Comanche. The man dismounted without a word and walked away, and got off without even asking his name.

Ben Squah fought with his own ammunition, gave up. He had five people, the enemy fifteen. The officers and crew of the "Third Bird" were captured. John lost all his clothes. Everything except the coat he wore.

Sunday 33rd

Alexander Jeff Davis was inaugurated for five years.

We have many reports from Fort Pulaski.

The ship managed to pass through the enemy lines, and that third line is many times heavier than ours. Do not know that it is true.
Today I am hear that Gen. Sidney Johnson has evacuated Nashville and that Columbus is untenable.

The English government express themselves satisfied with Sweden's apology and the return of Mason and Slidell. There is no hope of foreign recognition now. Obama said the other day, I cannot help regretting the old Union sometimes. We never felt any of the evil of it; and the advantages of being an independent nation will not be felt in our lifetime. I know what the answer is—that it is plain we would have felt the evils in a short time ago. Only—that we are fighting for the good of fraternity, that we may preserve a noble war. But I cannot help being impatient—narcotic enough to feel a little selfish sometimes and wish our face and comfort the old Union.

March 8th 1862

Obama has gone to Richmond to meet Molly at Mr. Powell's school. She will stop
BETTY HERNDON MAURY

Diary  March 16, 1862 -
       February 18, 1863
Scurrying back

Special March 18 1862

Mansfield was pulled into the rear of the
rear. We have taken Columbus. Now
out of the line of the Potomac to Scurrying and

We have evacuated Bealton and

The enemy picked up at

We are all in a panic and

Do not know how far our forces

This an upshot of thirty thousand

We find it difficult, almost impossible, to get

We did not think of naming before it was too late.

Saturday 8th our big gun plowed

Shenandoah mountain near the Virginia. Left
the Bradstreet town with the enemy.

In a gun boat, and attacked the
Saw many vessels at Hamburg today. The smoke of the privateers will clinch the head. The Federalists around have captured the Britishers. It was a great sight for me. Captain Hardman commanded. The ship Bob Brown was burned. Bob was shot after the Com. He raised a white flag and he had given a boat to take off those Yankees. Capt. I was very indignant at the Yankees' lack of faith that he fired his shot into the federalists and let fire on fire.

His brother was paymaster of the C.

We saw that the order of the battle was that the enemy will take all of his vessels while clear and then supply some boats with it, if we sail.

We saw a battle in Arkansas last two days. The 8th & 9th. It was said that our ranks are victorious. Bonnie Dulan was engaged in it. So here some more, make Ridgway General.
defence at Fredericksburg, Va., and the enemy have possession of the town.

The President has been invited to visit the troops in the Fredericksburg withartin of freeing slaves. The President has been invited to visit the troops in the Fredericksburg withartin of freeing slaves.

Cpt. Kirk has a heavy gray hair and is above 80 years old. He is in Richmond attending to some of the President's business.

Sunday, March 30th

Mrs. Lincoln is very much depressed. She has been around and all of us are to blame to make up our mistakes to stay here when the place is occupied by the Yankees as they say. It must be cut very much.

I am not willing to stay. I want to go into the army. Dick says I want to be in the battle line so that if anything happens to him or Reg or any of our brothers I can go and nurse them and take care of them.

Lieutenant Davis and two Johnsons

been here yesterday in consultation with Lieut. Johnson. They came from the Virginia line. Wonder what they decided to do.

Mrs. Lincoln is very much depressed. She is in the President's house to make sure she is not sick. Her heart is to support the President.

Mr. Lincoln witnessed yesterday from his trip through the south to get their connection on the mail. He has been made lieutenant colonel in the army.

We have heard nothing from Dick for three weeks. Do not know where he is or what he is doing. We have heard nothing from Dick for three weeks. Do not know where he is or what he is doing. We have heard nothing from Dick for three weeks. Do not know where he is or what he is doing.
being an out post, he was continually subject to
alarms of the approach of the enemy.
Last Saturday night a courier came in to
inform him of it. They had received in
our pickets and were in face of Strasburg &
A force came out to be only a reconnoitering party.
Two pontoons were placed there a fight and
Widener a few rations. He riding out gave
sb weapons to the pickets. He claimed it. Both sides
felt safe after the fight.
Will go to Richmond last Monday to
carry the Government money he believes as
George. He good but thick-skinned. has
left only a few clothes here that he can put in
a carpet bag and go with. He saw the
money was near. If it is his only to remain as
long as there is any property here for him to
stand to. He has received that I shall
stay with James and the children. I am
very unwilling to remain.
Every one who talks about here has to get a
A hand written page of text. The text is somewhat difficult to read due to the handwriting style and possible smudging. The page contains a letter or report, discussing matters of military activity and correspondence. The text is in English and describes events and actions related to the military during a specific time period.

The letter starts with a date, presumably a day in the past, and mentions various events and activities, possibly related to the American Civil War era. The text refers to military campaigns, strategies, and the movement of troops.

The handwriting is legible enough to understand the general content, but some parts may require careful reading to comprehend fully.
April 13th 1863.

All of our forces have left except our Brigade commanded by Tom Smith. They are going out parts and posts, and it is expected that the enemy will make a move to take possession of it. We have spies of various natures all along the bridges ready to learn them. When the occasion requires it. There were two forts on this river but both have been dismantled.

Papa came up yesterday in an express. It is his last visit to heen.

He has letters among that Ben Brown, who was whipped in the C.M. by the 7th. Company and was reprimanded by Lie. Bick, and after a short time Brown was allowed to return.

They catch the thief that he has taken the supplies. Brown was put before the Department for reinforcements. The Pan

Don has joined him. Papa says he has a telegram from cousin Paul to come back in the spring. We are expecting heavily to have a great battle at forck town. The morning is one.
Thursday, 17th April

My dear husband went to Richmond to day. His eye became tired with me to part with him.
We rapidly separated for good and unless for ever. God only knows,
He has affliction for a Lieutenant in the Military service.

Good Friday, April 18th

Last night we heard that the enemy were five miles from Calmuth. We did not know their strength. Our forces were across the river to meet them. I heard they were absent skirmish in the night.
While we were drawing to two great columns of smoke rising from the river, and soon learned that the enemy was in strong force. We kept our batteries to this side of the river and fired the bridges.

I went down to the river, and shall never forget the scene there. There were no three bridges; all in a sight. You can see, and to the other, and every few minutes the tugs and timbers could splash into the water with a great noise. Below were the large steam boats, the Virginia and the W. Nicholas, and ten or twelve pieces all ready to fire. These two have a time safe dodging in between the burning vessels coming out to this side with their progress and losses.

Our troops had off quietly and leisurely filling all good legs as they passed along.

We shall have beenпись with baggage and troops and trains and horses in carriages and baggage lining the road.

But all these gone now and the hills are covered.

The places and sheds are glowing in Salem, some for the enemy in sight and some for them and string. One town council has put one boat and a flag of truce asking them to come quietly and not to shoot the town that we had no fires here they can take possession when ever they choose.

We kept them busy here. They can ride across the river just below Salem, or cross in safety below.

The commandery was left here and to go to the people of the city.

Our baton has stolen from his home two days ago and dislocation his arm. He is in pain and cannot be moved. Some went down to him yesterday. He was told to write.

Received a letter from Dick a few days ago. He is in the trenches at the hundred yards from the Enemy.

We have yesterday that the fighting has
commenced at dark. I want it.
The enemy does not intend to attack us.
If this is a little late, he must bring it on.
Roses came up this morning of
course. A little be careful to look off
from all villages of those that are peace
and distant to us.
February 19th
She must be told. Fortunately
she accompanied to a place that is apt to
come and take it all. She bore witness their
white flags to show that they were fully
submissive, I suppose.
I join the town. Elsword did send quite
a spirited letter one with their flags of truce.
Saying that our army had wind over the
way to proceed to purchase and would not set
and quietly, but that command requires them
to state that the people were good and kind
citizens of the State of Virginia and of the
Confederate States.

Mr. Ainge told our commissioners that

for each move we turn with them, and
promised, but little, said that by the
Deebel was coming to continue in person.
Some of our cavalry pickets came in
to turn to stay a few minutes. These
who had letters ready gave them to those
made at these camps. Thought they were
Yankos more men when he first saw them.
We are going to write to night to be ready
in case any more should station in.
The enemy have some planted
in the hills commanding the town. He
said a lady of troops has come since but
individuals can come easily.

Monday, 26th

I was called out of choice to try to see one
of our scouts who was on the hill at the
place were people carry letters to Richmond
for us. It was a pleasure to see him and
give him the letters myself. He promised
to deliver them in person.

We can see the Yankees and their tents
Wednesday 3rd. April

Count Mancini, the French Minister, has been in Richmond for the last week. To express quite surprise at the spirit and energy of our people. He says the Yankees have an idea of it. They think the election is nearly decided.

He is about to return to Washington, and will tell his Government and the Congress that a reconstruction of the Union is impossible. He hopes to come to find it already been restored.

Prince Napoleon was invited by Pope, though Count Mancini, to come to France to live.

Several days ago, I told the Colonel to go for a walk. I felt so preoccupied, when I think of his falling into the hands of the Yankees.

The enemy have not got across the river. Several Riding soldiers are in town every day.

There is a picket, who has continued to get off several hagon loads of their rice and.

Tuesday 2nd. April

The news received a reinforce-
ment of ten thousand last night.

One can scarcely realize that the enemy are so near and that we are in their hands.

Every thing is quiet. The place has been cleaned of the last three days, and the streets are deserted, except by fugitives. They go by in parties of ten and twenty, with their basins and bags, on their way to the different commissaries, to get the provisions that are being distributed. I have seen some coming back laden with bread and kicking up a cloud of flour along.

I find the Chambers this morning with their feet bare and playing 'Jump the Snake' and 'The Star Spangled Banner.' I could not realize that these were enemies, and invaders. The old times brought back recollections of the old line for them. I pass and feel painful feeling.

Mannie and Bill Cotton are in Richmond.
Tuesday, 25th April.

The pamphlets and brochures canvas tools cannot face this reading. My supposition the canal tools are to make a breach of.

The papers are being off in great numbers, and are beginning to get independent and important. We hear that they are going on.

I am a part of the leaders in this situation, but that is nothing to any one of the leaders if they should rise against us.

Denny came back yesterday. She left them. She is with the doctor in front and read to Richmond. Denny and I induced her to come back here and stay with us.

Our business has been exposed to everybody. His arm is still in a sling.

Two of the people's accounts are off last Friday. The men, accounts, stock and all are here in the hands of the enemy.

I am a part of the leaders in this situation, but that is nothing to any one of the leaders if they should rise against us.

Ferry, 18th April.

If we succeed in this struggle it will be in spite of our enemies. The men in the town has not yet been developed.

The enemy could not have a stronger position than they have on their last line here, with the river and town in part of them.
Bruno a letter of letters from the war

ers in Richmond 4 day.

We hear that the Yankees have set a strong

guard at the Depot to fight. They

have liberty the State. after the State

done. One pickets got off a leader.

Night train lost sight.

Wasmington 30th April.

Now once yesterday morning to see the bridge

of canal boats till the Yankees are building

at the Union station. The boats are laid close

together side by side. the length of the boat

being the width of the bridge. Eight boats in

line close and it already reaches more than

half way across the dome. The soldiers on

the bridge and the surrounding boats give

shouting and talking to the others two and

hours on the wharf.

The Esquires made a proposition upon to

yesterday for steps to build the war bridges.

The Chicago replies that we can consturion

and send a lot to destroy the bridges git in.

not assist in building one.

Here are several building companies stationed

on the hill above the bridge to protect it.

It is reported that New Orleans had

pulled. Papa writes us that it has not

it near hit. It is only a question of time

that New Orleans, Charleston, Savannah,

Fayette, Memphis, and all our towns situated

on navigable waters must fall. They can

not stand against the armies involved

boats.

Louis Martin Churen in President of the

Lincin Run Boat Association of Richmond.

She gave us six thousand dollars.

She raised thirty dollars at her school.

The girls at Mrs. Powell's school made up

pledge of five thousand and five for the

Government last Saturday and Sunday.

Wednesday.

New Orleans has fallen. Commanders Ar-

wish write a letter to the Mayor demanding
the surrender of the city and that the com-
mand of the city has not been given to the
army. The Prussians, that our forces
have left the city, there are no armed men
there, it was useless to surrender, and
there was not a man within the limits to
see us, to pull down the flags to which they
had paid allegiance.

The enemy has advanced with mighty
 strides in the last few months. Our hope
is strong with new light.

Thursday, night.

Sure a fact and such a trial to have for the
first time this evening. I got up at dusk, as we were all
in bed, the sun rose in the room, was to
have a light top of it here, and in order
Johnny, my dear brother Johnny.

Consign. Being new applied for him at his
head as soon! We expect to stay for the
next six days. I will come to take us good
wise. He looks so handsome. It was a
previous visit, yet at such a risk. The enemy

have had guards out for the last few days in search
of our stragglers.

As came in with these others, but they stopped in
the street of the town.

One can imagine what the tension is, and how
much it is. When we can clear these men in no-
way of their lives when they come to their homes
and have to hide around corners and that
way after dark like guilty devils.

This east one line. Johnny left his house
round the corner. The moving away to have it
for at some place.

The Secretary of War tells me that he is
appointing no officers of artillery below the
rank of Major. I had applied for a first
commission. He is in the ignorant of
military duties to apply for an office of any
greater responsibility.

He is now at a loss, does not know what
to do.

Sunday, May 6th.

Two streams. Secretary Houston and two or
New Orleans is in possession of the Union.

She says below the city have commenced. She

Monday night. May 5th

Well the fire has been put out to search for

arms. Some came and set up hopes that

they would be. I was there. Some were

there. The first one said, "The fire has been

in. We have to get them. We have been put

in the position to prevent the fire from being

extinguished." I gave them to them, giving

them, and then asked them if we intended

to go up the river. He said, "No, you have

sufficient that these are the

arms of our enemies, that they were here. They

were getting very excited and unbearable.

We did not attack much value to the vessels

but that was a very humiliating feeling to have

to give them up. The soldiers, the soldiers of

the navy of the time, but I gave them to them.

New Orleans is in possession of the Union.

She says below the city have commenced. She
Wednesday, May 7th

This morning three officers were up to the house and one of them said in his name as the Brigade, said he was going to Washington next week, and if anything to send, I don't care. Mr. H was not Mr. H.'s husband for I propose through the ladies at him.

The British flag was hoisted to dry over the Vice Consul and it was me sooner raised than a company of soldiers marched up to the house and demanded that decision flag to be given up. We British take them to hold again that I was the British citizen. They lifted his hand and left.

Friday, May 9th

We have to say that there has been a battle at Williamsburg. Both sides claim the victory. Our cavalry Brigade was in the right, is led onward. My brother, my wife, another place is it. His wife, sister, going in telling each to send to Richmond. Miss Emily Riggs.
Brought in as prisoners this evening. Have been finding nothing but the dead and wounded all day. Some of the troops are making quite picturesque little lines. The soldiers in and around the town have been parading for the last half hour. Each time it is to my heart like the sound of some dear one.

Saturday, May 18th

We have evacuated Norfolk and Portsmouth and destroyed the Navy Yard. The enemy have possession there. That is what the troops have been cheering for last Sunday.

From much drunk with the thought of their good discipline and ours. I have not seen a drunken man since they have been here. They are well-behaved citizens and are not educating constant drinking while we, Dickie boys, used to do.

May 16th. Last night

General Paterson will not allow the church.
To be opened to day. The ladies are to meet at the charity school this afternoon. Matters are getting serious and some have been very cogent with regard to the negroes. The following is the case of the

Dr. Hall's case. He refused to hire his servants. He is the gentleman of the town, held a meeting and asked him to let him have a letter of recommendation, telling him that he was establishing a post office, and that he was opening the town of Virginia and was a traitor to his state. So the old man refused to hire him and they all left him.

Ours are gone except one girl, about fifteen, nursing. Today we cleaned up and took it by turns to assist and riot in the combining.

A great deal to get rid of the affairs they need to incident and aids. And giving her a dangerous character. The ladies that she has taught the children how to get the scenes and threatened to kill that same person. Mary and that he had taught things here for the education.

The poor many propose applying for their help. Many little difficulties have occurred since the Yankees have been here, between white people and negroes. To every case the soldiers have insisted in favour of the negroes.

Saturday 17th

San on the Richmond paper this morning giving an account of the battle near Williams.

City. But of the Early's brigade made a charge which is said to be the most gallant since in history. Eleven thousands men made the charge, and nearly five hundred were lost on the field.

I thank God that my brother is spared.

Here was a list of the killed and wounded in the 34th Va. regiment signed by Richard L. Moore, Major commanding.
The officers above have been a surprise and the men in command of the Regiment and let a part of that gallant charge.

The Yankees are holding the

field today. The town is full of them

and not a firing. Their flags are flying

above and are very large. Open the paper and read the words over the bridges

and over the stairs. Stuck in times across

the streets and locked on to the trains. stuck in the soldiers' tents and fired on to the

heroes of these men!

General Arthur, Ellen Borden's husband,

lost in town yesterday. I met him on the

street. I did not speak to him. I could not shake hands with a man who came as an

invader, to assist to our troops and kill our

brothers and husbands.

Besides the soldiers there are many Yankee citizens and partisans in town.

The Yankees are killing the farmers as usual.

We have gone to church but I did not think it

right that some one of us should always be at home

just as a sort of protection to the people.

My heart is heavy for our cause and for

our dear ones in Richmond. I have heard

nothing from them for since they left the

sea. They have found and kept them there ever since.

We fear that the Yankees had not into

some fort in South Carolina laden with arms

and ammunition & c. One that she had

not gotten out again. God grant that Pope

may have gone in peace. A heart to take such

a load off my heart to know that he was safe in

Russia or France. His occupation here is

gone now. He could be of more service there.

The heavens of his falling into the hands of the

money and being funny are worse before me.

My dear dead husband where is he

and how he obtained any employment yet?

My heart yearns towards him. Oh! I wonder.
Sunday night

Lived here since good news from a Washington-

ian paper of 4 day. He is of the Rogers

family, old, and the Rem-

der among the number, per sipheer,

at Fort Darling, 25 miles from Rich-

and, and driven back yesterday. This

is an official despatch to the Department

of Washington.

This afternoon I saw a Confederate

officer on top of a hill. A few shots, but he returned.

Friend, office and surrounded by guard, on

line to head quarters. Came across a

shrapnel. Do not know what for.

Has been inspecting to see him and to see our

guns working again. Man.. learned to say

"Here lies you," but we afraid to practice.

Tuesday May 21st.

Received. Some Wrights of others yesterday from

the case once in Richmond. The latest note

was a with age. They give glowing accounts

of Dick's gallantry. He distinguished himself

in that same charge in the latter at Williams-

burg. His gun is in local paper. He

saw Pope's audacity today. A great

em现已 a Union captain. During

the charge, his cap was shot away and he had

stuck on the breast left by a bullet, nearly

killing him from his head. The proper

town received a communication this morning, but

since the battle he has been replaced by

the man.

Thursdays 23rd.

Received a long letter from my dear husband

yesterday, of the 19th, telling me of their safe

arrival in Richmond, and of his success

while in the Evening Times. Also the letter

at Williamsburg. Time point, with several other

wagons, under a flag of truce to attempt to our

keeper that had fallen into the enemy hands.

It has tired a pilot great country, and took
Morris Judge with his band. He lost his love to cousin Daniel Hardy.

A Yankee General (Shanks) told me that "Immortality" ought to be invariably
upon the brains of the 34th Va. (Dickie) and the 5th A.C. for their great bravery in
that charge at Williamsburg.

Minnie Belle part playing in the piece.

must yesterday evening when a skeleton accosted her and asked if she would not go down
the street with him and let him buy her some candy. She replied "Do I think you
bambie surely would cheek me." To preserve much ward.

The soldiers are now free back to Jack
in front of the court house with a
case over their heads in which is written
"For entering private houses without orders"

Sunday 35th

We hear that badly has left Richmond and
is in her flag home. That she is twelve
miles from here at Mrs. White.

Atkinson Lincoln passes through. General
Our phrase did not call on him, and I did
not have a chance as he passed along the
street.

The streets are full of wagons and soldiers.

A large portion of this army advanced toward
Richmond this afternoon. Don't know how
many. They came our different lobbies and
advanced along different roads. Six regiments
passed by file of five soldiers, well clad and
well equipped men. Oh! That we may be
there seated and flying through the town so
long. But I fear - I fear much.

It is a beautiful day, the could not be a
more favorable one for a march. Grand Harman
seem to smile upon our enemies. Our poor
soldiers indifferently clad and with broken
arms, left here from a burning origin that lasted
for days.

The Yankees are building their fifth bridge
across the Potomac. The crows have
...more than a half.

The Enemy caught me a little from
another yesterday. I heard to her through
him some days ago.

Shenandoah, SC
A few days ago (believe in the 30th) Ewell
and Edward Johnson with a part of Jackson's
command attacked Banks up to him
and drove him out of Winchester, Martinsburg
and Harper's Ferry and across the Potomac.
They have been in pursuit of Washington in
consequence. The militia in the different states
has been called out to protect the capital.

I think Jackson will attempt to get them
I have no idea that he will.

'Ve leave all this from the London papers.
How is it the only defeat they have had since
the battle of Monmouth?' what they love most
the best of it I am sure.

What a contrast between the papers of this
book saying that the capital is in imminent
danger - and there of a few days later speaking
of the Million as exulting and almost contented.

The army that advanced from here a few
days ago had returned, and gone towards
Washington to cut off Jackson or attack him
in the rear. Their loss forced them through now
the men taken very different. One of them
called up to us at the window. 'You mind
we are coming back in a few days.'

We can have nothing from the enemy
near Richmond except that the enemy
past Hanover, etc.

Who the future? This day is impossible to
their gunboats. We have blocked it up
completely. Why did not Jackson attack
the hill and while this army is away? What
is he waiting for? For the English to
...furnish himself as he did at Creek town?

Well he has been far enough away from his
gunboats near? Is the question in every
Chicago mouth. This suspense is terrible. His
only hope is wait in patient ignorance.
Sunday, June 1st, 1862.

I succeeded, after two trials, in getting a pass for Mr. White to be with us in...and sent a man with it yesterday. He returned this morning. Mr. White is still at home. I was...he expected him for some days. He thinks she is in Charleston.

Mr. Brown is established in a new office...than the enemy came here. Cousin...Charlotte and family and aunt Eliza went to...Richmond. Do not know where they are now. Cousin Fanny and two children went to Tennessee to be near cousin Daniel.

The Yankee papers say that the battle was expected to be fought.

Friday, 3d.

Here has been a letter from Richmond in the 31st of June. The Yankees claim the victory. We have only their account of it. They say that Colonel Chaffee was in the fight. God grant that my brother is spared.

Saturday, 4th.

The bank群 were ordered to close for day by the Federal.

Saturday, 7th.

Have just read a Richmond paper of last Sunday, giving an account of the battle of Saturday and Sunday 31st and 31st. We have a...tricks on both days. Sake the evening's camp. 8/24 miles. 1st to 24th in the last.

The fight on Saturday lasted until dark. We had thirty thousand engaged. The enemy fifty. On Sunday we drove them back to their second line of entrenchments and then stopped about four o'clock.

They were about fifty thousand engaged on both sides that day. The editor claims the Yankees are not following up our advance stages. Why did they stop at four o'clock? The difference between the tone of this paper and the Yankee thrust that we have been reading lately is very striking.
Sun, June 8th

Our business is going on well.

A Richmond paper of the 3rd, giving particular details of the battle. It says: 

"The Incorruptible 34th," was commanded by Major Richard A. Murray, the officer who gave him the bayonet. He was ordered to attack the enemy at Williamsburg. His horse was shot under him, and he was wounded in the arm while leading a charge. He gave back two of the enemy's regiments. The dispatch states that his horse is dead. That he rode with his pieces in Richmond. Doing well.

Thursday, June 12th

Jackson is doing great things. He has 

Captured three of the Yorktown batteries this morning. Friday, Tuesday, and Sunday.

We got our information from the

Sorcer papers, and they gave a very detailed account of things. Say that they were not impressed for there. Had to retire. No. 1. And we interpret it that they were well prepared.

This is in the hands of the evening, and they say that Charleston and Savannah are to. Do not know whether it is true.

When the enemy first came from we put all of our stocks, including the New York paper, presented to Pope, at one Indicithe. The English, the English, that they might be under the protection of the British flag. Since our new printing service came, the house had been searched and the flag and special orders taken away, but no one escaped them. Being told not to leave the house opened the bell and smuggled the papers away under our duvet and in a basket. They were informed by a negro woman. The secretary says that for it is not an authorized letter. Con
This has no combat, no leading, and no exaggeration in this paper.

Sunday 8th June
Just got a Richmond paper of the 3rd giving in particular of the battle. It says the immortal 37th was commanded by Major Richard L. Honyam. The officers have been busily engaged in the battle at Williamsburg. The few who were shot under him and he was wounded in the arm while leading a charge. They owe much to the sacrifice of the infantry regiment. The Dispatch states that his wound is slight. He is with his friends in Richmond doing well.

Thursday 12th June
Jackson is doing great things. The loss whipped three of the Union Generals on three successive days. Howard, Stanton, and Shields on the 7th, 8th, and 9th.

So it is somewhere between Dinwiddie and Staunton. We get our information from the London papers and they give a very reliable and confused account of things, say that they were outnumbered five to one, lost 7,000. And I infer from it that they were well whipped.

Arrived to in the hands of the enemy and they say that Charleston and Savannah are to. Do not know whether it is true.

When the enemy first came here we put all of our soldiers, including the New York guard, reenlisted to help, let the Invincibles. The English Vice Consul, that it might be under the protection of the British flag. Since our new military government came the house has been searched and the flag and social laws taken away. Future.

He was escaped by a woman, the wounded says that five

3 is not an authorized word.
Thursday, June 12th.

Richard picked up a fanny bag yesterday
of sausages as late as the 13th of this month.

Dick is getting on well though his arm
is broken. Papa, Will, and all are still
for Richmond. Papa has been engaged
in pulling the obstruction in James
river. We thought he must have been
for superintendence of them because of
their efficiency.

Sunday, June 13th.

Mrs. Dickinson came up today to take
Mammy down to Old Mr. Cablin's. The one
no and Mrs. Dick Cablin intend to start
for Richmond tomorrow in Mrs. Dickerson's
carriage to see their husbands. Mammy
was opposed to Mammy going. But I thought
she ought not to let such a chance slip.

They hope to get back in a week or two days.
This is to be full of soldiers as usual, but
there are no pickets out on this side of the
river. Mr. Berlin, a man who bought
letters up from Richmond a few days ago, has
tell us they have been there twice, but he has promised me
another letter after he left town.

Mammy took right elegant care with her
skirt for the ladies and Dick soldiers. It will be
a good sight. They have not seen any tropical
fruit for more than a year.

Rumors raging from the county
around continue to come in every day. It is
a curious and joyful sight to see the foot
and many looking cool hands with
their backpacks, their backs are
and plastering the
theirs. boys, men, little
doors and ladies coming in in groups
twenty at a time.

They all look
nervous and unhappy. Many of them
are sent to the North. We feel that there is
an great need and suffering among them in
Washington. Many are shipped circuit for
West from here.

The town is intensely green
and looks as though it never had any
any thing else. We have ice ears to go about -
shillig for blue ice. Saturday Evening Big.
Sunday papers along the streets. Sunday.
citizens and Co. Dutchman have opened
all the stores in Maine Street. Some of
them have bought their families and look
bad as if they had been born and ten bals,
and intended to stay here until they died.
Our men have built him a house."

The different currencies are very
confusing. A pair of shoes are worth so
much in specie - so much more in
banker paper, and double their real value
in Virginia money. Uncle John had an
occasion the other day to say some northern
paper and had to give one hundred per
cent for 17.

Have heard nothing from our friends
near Richmond lately. Mr. Bullard's army
is on both sides of the Chickahominy about
six miles from Richmond, and extending
in a semicircle around the line of the city.

General Grant made a most daring dash
the other day with two thousand of our cavalry.
They pushed through the enemy's lines to their
side, canton several loaded transports in the
Pamunkey and many trained troops, took
many prisoners and miles and

prisoners. We only lost one man killed and the prioners
and five gone between two and three days.
They paid great with shouts and cheers by the
country people as they gathered along. Lincoln
barracks rushed out to the gate and shouted
out also all the citizen and dir. Brazil

my Dine line创新驱动 the blue castle
parameters Texas.

Wednesday, June 15th

At Mr. White's. Twelve miles from Annickshag

Monday afternoon Billy White came to our house
to say that one of his neighbors here at his father's
and he had come to take me out to him. He

less than half an hour Ninannie Belle and I were

ready to start. From he had gotten about three
miles from town we were met here by a party of
Wednesday evening.

Dick went over to John's to see where he is, and within an hour, it seemed, he was married. It seems like a miracle that we got away safely.

When he arrived, he was much pleased to find that Bill had gone to Uncle 

from here, etc. He was unable to say goodbye. Wolfson. Mr. White thought he should be turning a great wish to stay

here all night, and that persuaded him to go. 

promising that he would come next day, that his servants had been allowed to go on 

ship from the shore of 

it will be impossible for us to get there, but we can only come to find him.

Cousin Swain and Mr. White are as kind and hospitable as they can be, and at any other time I should enjoy a visit here.

But much...

Dick wanted me to come with him somewhere...
was a paper from Fredericktown with a note for cousin Amuel from Jew Ask inquiring for my promised letter. The river was too high for the ferry to pass, so Mrs. White made horses and brought the paper over in his mouth. I wrote advising her to meet me at the Bowling Green Hotel on Saturday and she can take our letters together of finding Dick. I doubt whether she comes.

Saturday 28th June

Uncle Anderson

She came at last safe and sound.

with my dear Husband. Oh! how thankful I am to be with him again once more.

Had many difficulties and adventures in getting here. Left our White's Thursday afternoon, but when we reached the matching—a distance of some ten miles, he feared that it was impossible to find it. Mrs. White was, I concluded that we knew no place to ask the hospitality of some of the people in the neighborhood for the night. We thanked it very much for they were all strangers to us. However, Mrs. Spott was most kindly and hospitable. She gave us a party of gentlemen there who had been waiting for two days to cross the river. They took us by way to Maryland to get some and procussed caps for the ice coming.

Spent a very pleasant day at Mrs. Spott's and from the house for the afternoon in the Maryland via wagon. It was higher and safer than ever.

Bilb looks horrid in a dark calico shirt and a long beard.

Sunday 29th June

Mrs. has shaven off the beard and looks handsome again. I'm not quite to the duff.

Saturday July 5th

This has been a most splendid and exciting week, and now once I am afraid to boast of it.

Great classes that have been done, and the fields of that have been done by our close settlers in
the past two days.

Jackson has come down from the valley with a portion of his forces and got to the bottoms there. We commenced the attack on the day of the battle and took Mechanicsville and had our heads in with a force of glorious victors since then. We have lost two or three bloody battles and the enemy has been

deterred to the famed river, near Charlestown, thirty miles below Richmond.

Some of this army have escaped in transports, as well as the rest of the crew. It is said that Mr. Crittenden has shown great generalship in preventing this attack from becoming a rout. In the days he has been fighting and falling back with a picked army close upon his heels.

Every thing is in the excited and uncertain a state yet for me to give my incidents of

the battle, it is too near the names of them. We do not know how many of the brave men are killed—how many the enemy have lost.

We only knew that Mr. Crittenden went away of one hundred and fifty thousand men completely equipped, and a thoroughly

civil war has been broken and disaffected, that we have taken six thousand prisoners and the utinsels and help get to capture a large portion of his forces. The country is full of deserters and refugees, many have escaped to the lower side of the James River.

Tuesday 7th July.

Much to my surprise and pleasure my dear brother Dick arrived here yesterday morning. He left Richmond with Wm. and

Nelly. They have gone on to Annapolis along with D.B. reared. Dick will not come until the war where he is, and look for

If she is in Annapolis I can see the

the war come. There is a possibility of her leaving gone to Allemane at the board. I

see there a year ago.

Dick's present is sending through for it is a little
very unhappy. I refuse his arm and cut up.

I cannot help feeling anxious about Will and Dick's being so near the enemy's pickets. If the authorities in Fredericksburg saw that Major Moore is here, they may send down a party to capture him and Bob. They picket out for the raids last night so as to be able to make their escape if the隆冬 should come.

Papa thinks that they are running a great risk to get out of our lines.

Wednesday 9th July.

Bands yesterday that the Yankees had been within three miles of us the night before. We persuaded Dick and Bob to have yesterday morning. If he comes I am to take both up to Alexandria to Dick.

I think we must be there soon, or the ladies have been busy on this.

He has gone back to Richmond, so that most distressing of all occupations, waiting

and waiting and trying to get something to do. But I will not complain. So many blessings have been granted us lately. We have found a happy, happy time days together, and ought to feel thankful and content and ready for the path put before us.

Uncle Brandon is a kind, good friend. He insists that I shall stay here until we can as for me to be a little cleaner.

One division with the remains of his army is at Sandy Point, at the junction of the Chickahominy and James rivers, is posted by his gunboats on the piers, and is making him uncomfortable. He certainly must be the greatest man that ever lived. He tells the Yankee soldiers that he has accomplished a most difficult and daring undertaking—his that he has changed the face of the country and driven him back at every encounter!!!
Thursday 10th July.

Head yesterday that Prunie and Sue are at Bridgetown. The old woman was determined not to be out done by her daughters. Bless her heart. I should have liked to see her running the blockade. What a happy meeting they will all have up there. I suppose Dick has married yesterday morning.

Sunday 13th July.

Started for church this morning, but heard on the road that the Yankees took at the Bowling Green. This is the second time they have been there within the last three days. They took several prisoners. I am so glad that Bill and Dick left when they did.

Saturday 19th July.

The Yankees came to the Bowling Green every day for a few hours. They have not been at any distance this side yet, but we expect them daily.

It has been almost two weeks since my dear husband left, and I hope prayers like me

Letter from him, written the day after he arrived in Richmond. He Gathers write that since interrupted all social communication with the truth. We are dependent upon private opportunities.

Sunday 20th July.

Farewell. I was out of the town of Richmond. They have saved for themselves a name that will be handed down with praise and remembrance for many generations. During the battles that were fought around Richmond, in which their dead were also engaged, while they could see the flags and hear the cannon all day long, there was no screaming or shrieking as shouting about the death. They buried their friends quietly until the dead and wounded were brought in—these of them to their doors—and then buried themselves in doing all that a human can do to alleviate the sufferings and minister to the wants of the wounded. Sunday—the fourth day of the fight—many of the churches were opened. The ministers went around to the different
November 23rd.


The next day, the ladies are private hospitals. The laziest of the war now, each other, pile together and a house in their neighbor hood, and pile it with pounds of sick soldiers (sometimes as many as fifty) and feed and nurse them themselves.

It is not just now that the women of Richmond are showing their heroism and patriotic devotion. They have been doing all that they could do since the war began. On many occasions sending their children, unattached, to the field and hungry soldiers who had just arrived.

But I do not believe Richmond has done more than any other city in the Confederacy would have done had the same opportunities.

Many take the soldiers to their own houses to nurse.
Tuesday, July 29th
My husband is thirty years old to day. God grant him many happy returns.

Wednesday, July 30th
General Pope has issued an order requiring all male citizens within five miles to take the oath of allegiance or to leave his limits forever, partly of being shot if they return. The Yankees have also passed a new confiscation law, seizing the property of all who refuse to take the oath.

While newspapers were prepared to run this morning with the larger portion of the prose, Rountree other valiant deeds, but has concluded to wait a few days and see if ‘Stone wall’ Jackson will not help Pope in that time.

We have to be very cautious and careful in speaking of these things, so if the rumors have any suspicion that they have to be covered away they would run off.

Saturday, August 3rd
Pope came down last night with...
...his father's house. The Yankees were at the standing room. Early this morning two John Williams prepared to start with twenty five of the list before one of the battles. He took the guarantees he was going to take them to Survane and sent them to get their clothes. Not before we have not breakfast long one year. It is looking to the distance of those that remained. Sally's only son, and all of Damaras's children left. He was not out this morning to try to find them; and he feared to come back, that their presence would not send them away. It returned this evening and told his with the head stream down this channel, so he could not find any. Three of the persons left young babies. There are nine little children left, nonetheless. Two of the Yankees came back to night. He not be suppose have gone to the Yankees. One John Williams thinks that alone the Yellin. We have heard no more of the Yankees.

Get a letter from Miss Brown yesterday evening. Papa and Mauma are in the Richmond. They are very uneasy about the part of the family in South Carolina since your letter. Papa wants to get them away from there. He has written to your one Blunt about it.

August 4th.

Children take much more notice of grown persons conversation than we suppose they do. Annie Belle said Sally Halff's been playing about the other day. Sally's dressed herself up in the ladies muskets and for a while and comes to call upon Annie Belle.

Sally: Good morning came own, how are you to day?

Me: I don't feel very well this morning, all my riggers gone pride away and left the.

Said: Annie Belle says to Sally a few days ago. Upon my word, I can't believe them. They are no letters and papers in this official stall, the promise been what I had. Said to the Yankee office and our pay out of
Frederickburg.

Last week Lieut. Stuart with fifteen men and more made a raid to within fifteen miles of Fredericksburg. He captured many of the prisoners. It is a significant fact that there were officers among them.

Friday, August 13th.

Mr. White moved his family down here about two weeks ago. His farm is within the enemy's lines and they have been making constant depredations upon him. All of
his request can fit our old woman, have left

Mammy Belle and I came home to day to
spend a week or two days.

I am at a loss what to do, or where to go
when I leave here. I cannot afford to
leave in Richmond, and I think I am
going to the Colfax home forever without
a friend.

I begin to feel anxious to get my winter
handmade. Mammy Belle and I left
Fredericksburg in a buggy with one small trunk
of winter clothes. I expected to
go back in a month at the worst, now if
I have not one article of winter clothing, and
no chance of getting any that I can get. But
the Lord will provide. Matt 6 chap. 33 to 34 see

She approach of cool weather increases my
longing for a home. Oh that my husband had
some employment, then we could be together in
a happy home of our own again once more.
My heart aches for a home.

Sunday, August 31st

Papa writes me for a graft. Joes, that
has going again as soon as he gets his child-
ren out of Fredericksburg. He wants me to
know it until he is gone, for poor the
Charles will catch him. I hate being taking
with him. I hope he will take the
place to be of peace service.

I pray the children will not be able to get
out of Fredericksburg.

She been sick in the mysteries of dyeing,
spinning and weaving lately. Am
trying to make the cloth. Made up a suit of
winter clothes for Miss Huawei.

Cousin Annie Morris says she would like to
be another child. Where has makes his ap-
pearance in Washington in a home upon suit
and a home made hat. Aunt Bitty spoke
"went the cap, don't look checked, she
is not to think she has a jewel of a wife to
be able to turn her hand to pick things from
money.
Uncle Jonathan's
Friday, September 6th.
We have gained another grand and glorious picture of the old battle field of Antietam. All took place on the 13th. Some of the particulars are known yet, and the movements of monuments are left to be done. This much is certain, that it is a more complete work than any of the old battle of Antietam and Antietam is free. Monday night we heard that the town was being occupied and soon afterwards the peace has come. All the houses were made by the burning bridges.

Monday morning Mr. White and several others went up to see if they could recover any of their mistakes. That night about 13 o'clock Mr. White returned with some of his father's servants. By Tuesday I found up to town all of our men and women and all were happy to be free from the presence of their masters, and at the prospect of being all of us once more.

As the Yankees marched out of town one of the officers exclaimed out, 'The beast of a President! Is he to be the wrong person? I am a republican. Everybody was in the streets that Sunday night and as the last soldier point on the bridge and 13th and I was raised by the people as old Frederickstburg had never heard before.

I returned to the Old Mansion on Monday and found Mammy there. She brought her Gordon's carriage and is waiting to carry Papa and Mamma back to Frederick's.
Sunday, September 27th

My dear husband, best dear to Richmond this morning. He has made another application for a commutation in the army, and has gone to począ it as much as he can.

I wish I could be more patient and gentle. There is so much to write and a lot of where the leave is.

Saturday, September 27th

There was a letter from Washington in Maryland on the 17th. We remained upon the field for twenty-five years after the fight, and then returned to this side of the Potomac. We cannot understand why.

The next day all of the forces on both sides were engaged in this battle. On the 19th, a division of the enemy crossed over to Shepherdstown, Jackson captured and killed the whole of them.

The Potomac was dammed up with their bodies.

Monday, September 29th

Have just received a letter from Papa dated Charleston, 29th. He expected to sail this night in the Snow, a British steamer. Many public men and several a look of Papa's chair. If the enemy did not catch them, they would land at Halifax and take the first English steamer from New York.

Thursday, October 2nd

Papa has not heard yet. The weather made two attempts to get out and failed. The second night, in the fog, Papa and Matty returned to Charleston in a new boat. We went out from 10 o'clock till 3. Our pistols fired in them. Matty heard the last shot and dodged.

Papa wrote me that he had decided to send his boat. I telegraphed to him to take me. I wished that there were no accommodations for me, and that he had decided again to take me. They
Tuesday, October 8th

Received letters from Papa and Morly to day of the same date as his thousand.

What is says: You ought not to be down here. If you were down here, you are getting the other end. He had to climb down a rope to get on board ship, and for many of the panic down just like a dog.

Will leave the boat the day with me. He has been in Canada attending to some business for uncle James.

Have Will is neglectful about trying to get employment. In his letter tells Papa speaks of two laws that have passed lately, one for the increase of the signal corps, and one providing for the judge advocate for each of our arsenals. Either of which would suit me particularly well, and this is the first to his hand of Wthom.

Our aging is at Winchester, and Mr. Allen is on the South side of the Potomac near Harper's ferry.

Saturday, October 11th

During the day of nibbling our Romanum as wanted. Flannel cartridge bags for his big guns, they were needed without them. We put all the shoes that there was not a yard to be had. So there made an appeal to the men of the city to give their flannel shirts. The farmers spread of this and in a few hours had a hundred cartridge bags ready, made of their flannel petti-

coats.

Received letters from Papa to day. He says they are to take out carrier pigeons, and if they get safely past the blocking squadron, a paper with "all safe" could tell he had received the notes. The mess of the birds, they will be at home, and will return to their
cetes in the city.

Last Thursday, our old neighbor and friend, commands the blockading squadron of Charleston.

A law has lately passed in Congress providing for a permanent court martial for each of our armies. Will it apply to the appointment of Judge Advocate? I hope not.

Love has another quiet battle I conjecture.

December, 28th, 1862.

It has been nearly two months since I read in my diary, and know much has happened since then.

Papa and Ditty discovered in painting the blockade on the 1st of October. They wrote from Bermuda, and that last line of those from them. We have since heard through the Yankee papers of their safe arrival in England. I am sure they have the rind of December to make it a visit of a year, etc.

On the 19th of December the whole squadron moved down and occupied the flights of the E mickfax. The forces painting them in the city of the Tappahannock.

In a few days they will retire to the town that the ladies still it in North Borneo.

Pappa and the children came down in a ship.
On Nicholas was there same reason and 
saw with his friend E. Becker
He occupied their guest house where his 
hide was taken and hospitably entertained
for hour - a - piece, drank a bowl of 
pine, and his flour and the rest of Ichabod's 
provisions.

I cannot find words to express my disgust
and shame of the man who is so lost to his
love of liberty and to the people and
beauty of nature.

On the 13th of December Lord B---- was
in a great, hot, and significant moment.
The death of eighteen thousand of the liberty
were killed but lost in the thousand.
Even the Yankees acknowledge it to be a great
injury.

The latter took place in and around
the town, the crew was driven with the
police among, the houses were broken of
pickets and used by the mob and then
had been turned in almost every yard.
Dear Cousin from Hospital. Our Captain says we are much in the house. Some of the scalded clothes and cover are filled with blood. So much violence was done by the ladies of peace in the town. The table in the parlor was made to resemble a dinner table and a small table was placed at the window.

January 24th, 1863

The door when the first time I knocked, the Major said, "Oh, Major, where is your corner?" He couldn't hear me. I asked, "Is the corner where the door is?" He replied, "Yes, sir." I asked, "What is the corner?" He said, "It is the place where the door is." I asked, "What is the door?" He said, "It is the place where the corner is." I asked, "What is the corner?" He said, "It is the place where the door is." I asked, "What is the door?" He said, "It is the place where the corner is." I asked, "What is the corner?" He said, "It is the place where the door is." I asked, "What is the door?" He said, "It is the place where the corner is." I asked, "What is the corner?" He said, "It is the place where the door is.

This is the only winter that I have seen snow in Kentucky. It is very cold. The snow is white and fluffy. It covers the ground and makes the trees look beautiful. The children love playing in the snow and making snowmen.

I recently received a letter from one of our neighbors. He writes to say that he has seen our children and that they are doing well. He also says that he has heard from their father. He writes that they are happy and healthy. He says that they are working hard and that they are doing well in school.

Our children are visiting their relatives at the home of Mr. White. They are playing and having a good time.

January 30th, 1863

The snow is very deep, getting some of our neighbors. The children are happy to play in the snow. They are making snowmen and having a good time.

Since the war has started, getting some of our neighbors, the children are happy to play in the snow. They are making snowmen and having a good time.
March 11. Last that is less than he would have to pay at any remaining time in France.

One of the places where the money is to come from to meet all our additional expenses to the spring, but the Lord will provide. I feel sure.

face, a little helping might have sustained through his friend that I could, but nothing promised a constant.

January 31. 27

Our Deputation of Delegates have been on a visit to Washington from the Blockade of the Southern ports and through the influence of some friends the President to return with a quantity of baggage. They brought for the convenience of things for convenience, convenience that would help.

This year 1858 prices of shoes in the North and other similar articles and houses other things so enormous to mention. We had another list of what he just received last year, and he just got able to eat the things.

The President, Mr. Seward, an Englishman, has just returned from a trip, attempting to get the blockade into Washington. He hopes say that the captain escaped with valuable 9.
February 12th.

B & have received letters from Papa from London of sisters to the 21st December. It did look in a large case of goods to the Princess Royal. Fmt 20th February three and five shilling shave in cash, and is paid dearly five times as much in our money. If we had only expected two years ago we would have thought it so great calamity, but now we see and feel so much. But still after all we cannot let the little few clothes be so much of a sacrifice when we know that all of our dear ones are safe and well. The love will fill breast at any time. Many of the things were Christmas gifts from Nana. Bilt the April 24th I thank God of his disappointment. 

February 13th.

I know where we are, and must bend them home, then live, and give me prospect of this winter before the end of this year. We praise God for his kindness toward Dick and Jane. Papa as I know said to us their patience as their decision to the same God that he will find for you. As anxious about their personal welfare.

Another letter from Papa of the 22nd December. It is quite some way to Schleswig-Holstein, and just returned his first letter account of it. And now they want that they must do

lure a great hardship. The little girls have to be prepared and able to understand that they are not like them. To speak of us and as the girls are a few of his children as was and their Ambro. I know how severe it goes with them to think in that way been this kind of comforting with love and affectionate words to the girls. My Quaker is an unbearable comfort to him. That he is a little fellow and a gentleman.
February 17th

We received a letter from New York yesterday containing the news that the end of the month is a great disappointment and satisfaction to us. We have been told to expect difficulties and disappointments.

The news received has been such that it has been difficult to believe it. I had heard an expression of understanding with them that we were to remain until after the April 1st.

I thought of a suggestion that I had made a change and put the consent that I thought it was for the best and not for the worst.

A friend is mentioned to save and it is impossible to get comforted even from personal letters that I expect to be continued in a month or two. It is most satisfactory to have the record.

February 18th

Loves to Reigate and the Old School.
Feb. 17th 1863
Will Maury received a notice from Mrs. M'Culler [McDuff] yesterday to leave at the end of the month. It was a great surprise and mortification. We have had no falling out. No difficulty with him or anyone with whom I had had any express understanding. We engaged a nurse. We will be willing to take us when told that I expect to be confined in a month or two. It is most unchristian and uncharitable treatment.

The lady that presented the diary to the Library of Congress Mrs. James Parke Ewel—the daughter of Betty Herndon Maury—was born in 1863. Her mother, Mrs. Maury, was expecting to be confined when she stopped writing in her diary—in 1863.

Alice Maury (Carmelle) was born in Charlottesville, Va. She died in Washington, D.C. in 1940 (left). Her husband, James Parke Ewel, died in 1885, leaving her an estate valued at $199,970.20. Her father became Judge W. A. Maury.
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