



Christiansburg August 25th 1864

My Dear Sir

I have been intending to pay
 You another visit - but have been prevent-
 ed, by the sickness of several members, of
 the Gens staff - Maj Pickett & myself, being
 the only well ones, have had our hands
 full; I have been wanting a short leave
 very much for some days past, in order
 to visit my refuge home, in Halifax
 County - My Father having been quite sick
 but as we were so short handed & a fight
 expected & skirmishing going on, almost
 daily, I would not ask; My Father is now
 much better; I received a letter from Sally
 my step sister - in which she mentioned that
 it was impossible to purchase enough
 wheat, to furnish the Family, with flour, this
 My Father would not tell me, since learn-
 ing this, I have made several unsuccess-
 ful attempts, to purchase some - will you
 be so kind as to ease me, ten or twelve

bushels of Corn cleared, for which
I will pay, whatever You think, should be
the price; We have had another great success,
over the vandals, near Petersburg, but You
will see the news in Your papers before
this reaches You; it is only another great
stride towards our Freedom - I think every
thing is looking well, for the glorious
cause, for which, we have all sacrificed
so much - I would like very much, to hear
something from Grandma, for I am very
uneasy about her - I have written often,
(without hearing anything in reply) some
times by private hand & sometimes by flag
of truce - but I shall hope for the best -
Excuse my writing, with a pencil, but
I have been away from Headquarters all
day, placing a battery, in position, to har-
ass the enemy's working party, on Dutch
Gap - They opened on us just now, from
five batteries & a few minutes since came
a man killing, my pet grey horse -

but 'a miss, is as good as a mile' & this holds
good with all practice - Our guns have
stopped ^(the enemy's) their work, but for how long I can
not say - I only hope, that You will
be able to make this out - for I make
all my letters as much alike, it is
no easy matter to read my writing -
in writing to me direct to care of Genl
Pickett Richmond & it will come right
and now hoping I have not tired
You I remain

Very Respectly

Yours

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