

a dispatch came last night that
they had commenced fighting & that
the ~~fight~~ ^{vicinity} was undecided. We
shall get the particulars probably to-
day or to morrow.

I am afraid it is going to
make "Mantoni" restless by
leaving back he will be
gunning around from one place
to another until he will
want to go into the army after
a little while. But if he would
be ~~steady~~ steady & work I think
he will earn more than he would
there if he should not have any
bad luck he might easily earn
enough between now & spring to
buy a yoke of steers that would
be able to do what farming Pa.
would want to do. I shall have
to write to him as soon as I
can get time to & give him some
advice. Maybe he want thank
me for it perhaps he thinks he
knows best. Well this sheet has
run out I shall him to get an
other

Camp. between Brandy Station &
Cullpeper. ("That is all the
name I know for it!")

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Dear Mattie

I received your
letter last night & am this
night in far from mate
I was glad to hear that mate
is getting better. She must
be care full & not rebel
a round & get well again
"Tell her to mind that." I am
glad that money went all safe
I was a little afraid that
the 10 I sent in that letter
would not get through. But

I thought I would risk it
& mate being sick so I thought
you might need some.
I thought I would keep a good
quantity for myself this pay
day for we may not get any
more untill after we go into
winter quarters. & if we shall
ldnt I should need a considera-
ble for I want to get me
a pair of Boots by & dy
after it gets to be wet &
muddy weather. "then fall
in for drill I shall have to
stop. Drill is over & I will
try & finish writing now if I
dont have to fall in for some
thing else. & we dont get orders
to march. We have just drawn
& days rations I guess we are
going on a "Browns" expedition
is a "mid march" or something

of that description, although there
is no mud now. But there may
be by the time we get orders to
march & we expect marching orders
any hour. We have got to have
a fight with old "Lee" this fall
we have got only two months more
to fight in & we must drive
him out of existence in that
time or else fight ^{him} him
year. our Army is in fine
condition now & I suppose his
is but his has been reduced
some as Longstreet has been
sent South. I think that if
we do make an advance on Lee
that we shall drive him perhaps
out of Va. or cut his Army up
so that it wont be able to
fight us again next this fall or
any rate I expect old "Paddy" is
having a hard battle ^{before} this time

Well, I have written a long
letter but nothing interesting after
all so I want write any more
now. I want you to write
if you can get time & tell
me how you get a long with
any thing

from Adrian
To Alexander

Well it has got to be evening
& raining a little but we have
got a good tent so I don't think
we shall get wet any. I was
down to the Spring after a Ca
teen of matters a little while
a go. & I could see the Ribs
signal fire on the top of
the mountain just a crack the
Ribs very plain it isnt over
3 miles from here. if they have
got any large Guns on that
mountain they could shell our
Camp from there just as easy
as snuff. they did shell one
of our forage wagons last
Sunday that went down near
the Ribs after corn but I
guess there was no one hurt
a lot of our Boys was on
Pickit down there the other day

& Tom Southwick Ed. Miers
& W^m Mulligan went down
near the River to a garden after
some Beens. They was close to
the Red pickets & Mulligan
hollard out to them & asked
them if they wanted any
Yankee Beens. The Red Picket
aford to be out of urnas &
says go to hell you Yankee
son of a Bitch & hollard up
his gun & shofuel & caps
at him. But his old gun
would no go. Mulligan gave
him a polite invitation to
kiss his ass & left with
what Beens he had. Some
of this Pickets are sociable
& cleave & ather are sans
equity as Bull dogs & had as
leaves shoot a fellow as rat
Well Dad, I had much

rather be at home to night
a Chating with the folks than
to be where I am. although I
am contented here. I have learned
to be satisfied with what
ever turns up there is no ather
away. But I tell you I have
had a much easier time this
summer than I had last I
have no reason to complain
at all. it will be only a bout
two months more & then our
will go into winters quarters
We may see some pretty hard
times this fall yet am cant
tell what do you think of our
Lying here. & Old Mashy out
ing up his capers in our
rear taking prisoners ather
&c I should think that altho
he might be aught some way
& stop his giddens