

May the 23 1863

Stafford Courthouse

Dear brother I  
recived your letter late  
nite and was very glad to  
hear from you and to hear  
that you was well your  
letter found me well  
all but my leg hant got  
well yet

I hant got much news to  
write this time for ther  
and much going on  
but I know one thing  
that is that this is a  
warm day for this time  
of year

The regiment has gon  
out on restell I don any  
duty since we have been  
in this camp for I hav  
haa had a sore leg

Wal alreddy what  
do you think of this  
war do you think that  
it will end this summer  
you had not heard that  
this regiment was a month  
men the boys sum up  
to them thinks that we  
be but I dont think  
that is so but I hope  
that is so far I have seen  
a nuf of this niger war  
you dont know any  
thing a bout what a soldier  
has to go thru they suffer  
in camp and then they  
take them in to a Slatter  
yards and then they hav to  
stand ther chance with  
the rebels make you think  
that I am making this  
out to be a hard place

for a man if you think  
that it ant you ask  
bill when he gits home  
Wal you must writ  
write me a good  
long letter

from Barney  
Earl