

154th Regiment Near Stafford C. H., Va.
June 9, 1863

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My dearest Lis,

We are yet in our old quarters and everything means the usual appearance of camp life. Military matters running in the routine way, although the order to hold ourselves in readiness to march at a moments notice still upon us which kept us really uncomfortable as all our little conveniences--and they are few indeed--are packed up ready for a move.

Lt. Orran was out to the front yesterday at Falmouth. He says one Corps (the 6th--Sedgwicks) is across the river at Fredericksburg--or rather a little below where General Franklin crossed last winter. The Rebs hold the height about and around Fredericksburg, but they make no attacks upon our force yet. I think our folks are entirely ignorant of the whereabouts of the main body of General Lee's Army. The Cavalry are out seeing if they can scare them up anywhere but do not succeed as yet in finding their whereabouts. I am more and more convinced that this whole splurge is to prevent the troops under Lee and Longstreet going to Vicksburg. Should this Army succeed in holding them here, it will be much better than to fight and beat them for there is a surety what was left of them would reinforce some of the Army and probably to one opposed to Grant. Perhaps there would be no glory in holding General Lee's Army on the alert, for defense, but there would be a usefulness in it that would be much better than empty glory!

Pav. Chr.
I shall be home, dearest just as soon as I can get permission to do so but really it does not look just now as if they would let anyone off until all is quiet again. All furloughs are now withheld and men and officers were recalled who had started on furloughs that were granted.

Antique Shop
There should be stamps put upon the Woodruff note, the amount of the stamp depending upon the size of the note--the \$525 note requiring much larger stamp than the \$175 note. I don't know the size stamp it will require. Call Woodruff's attention to this matter and pay him for the stamps to put on.

I will write you every day if possible until all is "quiet" again. Kiss the children for me. Remember me to inquiring friends. Write often.

Affectionately

Henry