

Camps Maury June the 17<sup>th</sup> 1862

Dear Sister

as I have another opportunity of sending a letter to you by hand I make the best use of my opportunity I can. There is not any news of importance here now. The Rebels are not following us from Corinth nor is it believed that they will. Gens Stonewall Jackson has whipped the Yanks under Banks in a worse than they were ever whipped before and drove them back in to Maryland also 2000 of our troops before Richardson drove 5,000 of the Rebels out of their intrenchments and back into the Chickahominy River swamp killing wounding and taking a great many prisoners also a good quantity of military stores. We are here drilling and eating and waiting for the Rebels to come on to us though they will not do it.

Why they will not follow us I can't tell though it is believed that they are afraid to come any farther down. Their soldiers are dying very rapidly. I shall have to make this letter very short as the man that is to carry it is going to start soon.

There is something going on here that is working for the worse or better but we cannot tell what it is. Old Abe ~~undertook~~ to open the ports of Norfolk N. D., and other ports to yankee merchants but the French and English Consuls would not let them put off anything observing at the same time that if he told Abe he could not make the blockade effectual that their respective governments would help him. The meaning of the remark was this that if the blockade was not raised for all neutral powers the yankees should not trade there either. There is no telling what will turn up in the course of three or four weeks.

I hope that the result of what is going on will result in peace. There is a great many here that constantly think that peace is not long off. It is reported and not without some chance of truth that Gen. Beauregard Breckinridge and Price have gone to Richmond.

I shall now close by telling you of the health of the boys. First Jasper Bowden and Ben Kennedy went to the hospital from Corinth Jasper was tolerably sick with the measles Ben was not very sick. Pete went with them as a nurse he also was a little puny. Joe P. was sent to Lauderdale Spring he was tolerably sick when he left strong I have heard from him since he left, he was getting better and I am looking for him every day. I am in good health and all the other boys are. With these few hasty written lines I remain your brother S. B. Long. Give my love to all the family an comy ion and all enquiring frieds yours in hate

N. B. I have just learned that  
the governments of England  
France and Spain have made  
six propositions to the two  
governments for peace all of  
which the C. S. are willing  
to accede to

I hope and believe it is true  
Direct your letters to  
Jackson Miss