Camp Winder Near Richmond Va this
March the 25th 1862

Dear wife & children and friends I send you a few lines to let you know that I am well at this time hoping that these lines may find you all enjoying the Best of health J. B. Pierson is well & hearty there is not much sickness in our camps except Diarhoe which is Plentiful at this time I recieved your kind letter of the 18th this morning By hand it was gladly recieved and it gave me great satisfaction to hear that were all well I have been on duty over a week & have stood it verry well we are on a considerable bustle here to day we have got orders to go to yorktown & have to leave next thursday we are packing up all of our Bagage that we cant carry on our backs I guess by that we will not stay there long for we will go by Rail Road & Steam Boat all the way they are expecting a big fight there soon and I guess that we will be in it we are Ready for any thing that comes for we have been in the Service so long & have suffered so much from diease that we are willing to fight it out as soon as possible tell Brother John not to go of in no company yet I think that we will come south in a few months & if it is necessary that he should go in the service he can have a better chance of getting to us if he has to go I want him with me, those Boys that Bibby started with has not come to us yet those that Capt Wood & me started with got here about a week ago we had to leave them on the upper Route when we turned back to go the lower Route

Betsy Dont be uneasy if you dont get any letter from me soon for it would not surprise me if we were stopt from writing for a short time after we get to yorktown but if we are allowed to write I will write as soon as I can after we get there and as often as I can Henry Hodnett & Virgil T Bonner is coming home on Discharge & I'll send this By them I have no news to write & I have the Business of the company to attend to to Day & the Boys are after me on some business or other so I cant write so I will close By asking you to look over me for not writing sooner excuse all erors & c your afectionate husband until Death

F. M. D. Danielly

To his wife, Elizabeth, Danielly

March the 26th 1862 We Leave for yorktown to morrow we have to Leave all our things in Richmond that we cant tote

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