Richmond May the 5th
1862 Dear wife & children
I take my pen this morning
to drop you a few lines to let
you know where I am & how I am
I am at Richmond va I have the
yellow Jaundice I left the Regt
Near Yorktown the 1st day of
may I have been verry feeble
for Nearly 3 Weeks but have
been able to knock about all the
time but too weak for Duty
I think if I can get the right
kind of medicine I will get stout
in a few days Jarrod was well
when I left him I hated to ~~leav~~
leave him but they were sending
all away that was not able for
Duty & I knew that I was not
able for Duty nor a march & the
doctor sent me off to Richmond
I am in the same quarters that

we left there is some 20 of
our company here with me but
there is none of them but
is able to wait on themselves
there is Nearly five thousand
sick soldiers in & around Richmond
at this time but there is not
very many dangerous cases that
I can hear of I Recieved one
letter from you & answered it
before I left yorktown I was glad
to hear that you were all well
Jarrod also got one from Hiram
& answered it he also said you
were well & I was glad to hear it
& when you get this I hope
it find you all enjoying the
Best of health I would have
writen to you oftener if there
had been any chance of mailing
letters at yorktown but
the only chance was to send

them By hand to Richmond
& then mail them
I hope that you will not
your Self be troubled about
me more than you can help I
hope you will be able By the
help of our maker to bear your
Trials & hardships remembering
that our cause is just &
all that can save us from
an earthly Distruction &
Degradation although the
prospects of success looks verry
gloomy at this time but we
must look forward for the bet
ter if worse comes it will never
do to give it up yet awhile
I abstain from writing any thing
about war matters as I know
but verry litte that benefit
you any & our Head officers
will Publish all the News as

as soon as they think proper
I can say that I have been in
no fight yet
I hope you will get this soon &
it may find you all well you
must write as soon & as often as
you can tell Pa & the girls to
write to me & not wait for
me to write to them all it is
not often that I have the chance
to write & when I write to you
they can hear from me I sent
Pa one letter since I was at
home but have got no answer to
it} as I have no News of interest
to write to you I will close my
short letter By saying I remain
your affectionate husband until
Death F, McD, Danielly
P. N, B} Direct your letter to me
at Richmond Va until I tell
you where to send them the Regt may not
Stay at yorktown three Days longer