

Had. Mrs. Army of the Potomac,  
Near Falmouth, Va. April 5<sup>th</sup> 1863,  
my dear aunt.

I received your very  
kind letter yesterday afternoon,  
and as I am off from duty, I will  
try & write as best I can. I was very  
sorry to hear you were so poorly, & I  
am sure I pity you very much.  
You are certainly very much af-  
fected with disease. We are having  
some quite warm weather, but  
not so warm as it was down at  
Fort Monroe a year ago. We are expect-  
ing to move before long if the mud  
gets dried up enough. I hope it  
will come soon, as I am getting  
very tired of this camp, & want  
to see something new. The health  
of our regt. is improving every  
day, thanks to good actions. &c.

light duty, we expect the Pay-  
master in a few days, & then  
we can buy ourselves many  
little comforts, there is just  
months pay due us. I hope I shall  
get home before another winter  
but as long as this war lasts  
I had rather be here than  
anywhere else. I can render  
any service to the government,  
which has done so much for  
us all.

We are expecting to have  
a review by the President &  
Gen Hooker at nine o'clock  
tomorrow morning, & we have  
made great preparations to  
have every thing look nice,  
I tried to get a fur coat, but  
if we see, there is no money  
that I know of, but when  
we know you will get

some longer letters, as it is  
I hope you will excuse the  
breavity of this, do not see  
your strength too much &  
write, but I should be very  
happy to hear from you any  
time, your aff. friend  
Thos.