

Camp Near Hatchers Run No.,
March 26th 1863

My Dear Wife

I have just received your welcome letter of the 21st inst and was glad to hear from you.

I am well at present and hope that you are the same.

I am glad you got the money for I was a little worried about it.

You say you write to me a great deal oftener than I do to you. If you do I do not get your letters.

The letter I got from you today is the only one I have received from you in answer to three letters that I have sent to you.

Early yesterday morning the rebels made an attack on Fort.

He'll capturing it along with fort
Sedgwick, but did not hold it
very long.

Afterward we were run out
and had to charge the rebel skirmish
line, doing which we lost twenty in
killed and wounded.

Our company lost one
killed and none wounded.

The engagement lasted
only a short time, but during that
time the musketry fire was very
heavy.

We captured about fifty
rebels beside taking a line of rifle
pits from them.

You say I did not do
as I promised to do in regards
to getting a man for Mrs. Gault.

Now if she is certain she
wants one, there is a young
fellow in the tent with me, aged
about forty summer, that would

like to get married if he
can find a lady that will
have him.

Tell Mrs Scawler that
now is her time if she wants a
good husband.

You may tell her
that this man is a veteran and
has three instalments of bounty
now due beside six months
pay.

Get me know what Mike
is doing at Annapolis and whether
his regiment is there or not.

When you send young
Steve down here for a drummer
I will take as good care of him
as you are now doing if I have
the opportunity.

No more at present.
Give my love to all inquiring friends
also to Father, mother, Mary, Kate,
and Jer also to Mrs Scawler

and accept the same yourself
I remain

Your Loving Husband,

Stephen Dooley,

63rd 69th Regt. P. V. Hols.

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Virginia.