Hd Qrs Left Wing Army of Ga. Sisters Ferry Savannah River Jany 29, 1865

## Dear Sister Stella

With greatest pleasure I spend a few moments writing an answer to your & Mothers good letter of the 15 & 16. It was recieved to day To day is the third day we have been on the march and we arrived at our present place near the river just in time to camp Before dark. I am well and in a hurry for I must write another besides this to night. I pray you may all be in the full enjoyment of Heavens richest Blessings.

The weather here has been just cold enough to admit of a white frost nights (but no snow) and that is cold for this country. The days have since the last storm been Beautiful & bright but the wind cold and searching.

I am at Genl Slocum's Hd Qrs now he went up the river in a Steamer but we took it overland

The roads have been tolerable fair but some muddy and bad in spots It does me good to hear of your fine progress in Music I have sent you 3 pieces which I (if nothing prevents) shall want you to play for me when I come. I am glad Father & Frank have so much work on hand I hope all will continue prosperous I have been told that since we left the City that some of the citizens have tried to blow up the magazine and they have had a large fire on Barnard St.

Please tell Mother that she need not shed tears for a great many Union people in Savannah. To use a strong expression The <u>Devil was as much respected and admired by the most of them as the Yankees before we occupied the place.</u> That there are some Union men and women in the city I will not dispute but as a general thing the poeple are Rebs and the <u>Women more so than the men The provisions that were sent were very much needed by a great many poor.</u> But in hopes to have them rightfully distributed Citizens were put to the work and the rich I have heard fared much better than the poor

I have evidence for what is just underlined above that I do not care to dispute because I believe it was told me by honest lips and of their having seen a Woman worth it is thought \$40,000 draw of the best that was sent. Such is the kind of self sacrificing Union people they are

I do not know our destination as yet but I think Augusta My sweetest Love and best wishes for all

> Yours ever truly Charlie Hd Qrs 20 AC care of chief QM