

Camp near Stafford Court House va
May 12th 1863

Dear parients

it is with pleasure that take this privilege of writing to you I write to let you know that I have sent you some money by Express 4⁰⁰ Dolars I have sent it in a Check or Alotment it will be at the Depot I suppose there is where I have Expressed it I thought it would be safer for than eny other way of sending it and a quicker way of getting it to you if every Body pitches on to you tell them to go to the Devil that you are going to help your self first Dont mind them oh how I wished I was there I Could give them pick pockets around Allegany a piece of my mind they will get around with their asses humped up over the stove feat upon the stove pipe and saying why Dont our men Down there lick the rebils out and Come home why Dont they Come Down and help us I Could shoot such men as them such men I hope will half to Come if the War Continues and it probably will if things Dont shape around Different than they are now but god know I hope they Will Stop the Devilish thing. it is all foolish for to fight eny more for they Can Settle now as quick as they Can five months from now but the thing must Close prety soon our men have got Richmond and of fredericksburg, but the rebils have got a few small plases and they are scattered all over the south but our men are Destroying every field of grain so they Cant have eny thing for to live on I tell you virginia is getting to be prety warm so warm that I am afraid that I Cant stand it this sumer but I shall try it till I Cant go eny further then I shall take the ambulance for my pasage but never mind I think I can stand it I am it tough Can sleep on the ground and nothing over me as I have Don so far about a weak when I was in the fight it was so warm I had to throw my knapsack heals over head and every thing that was in it but I have got some things now that I have Drawn since the battle but never mind I am a soldier for uncle Sam I am for three years unless sooner Discharged by proper Authority our Adjatent was killed on the Battle field and our Cournal was wounded and taken prisoner and paroled on honor god know I am glad I was not taken prisoner I mean to keep out of the rebils hands as long as I stay in the army I shall half to Close prety soon by telling you to write and send me some postage stamps you must Excuse all mistakes for I dont take eny pains but scribe it right off for I Cant set Down and wright on my knee as I Could to A Desk or table you must write often and tell all of the paticulars tell the Children to be good boys till I Come home and I will bring halsey a pair of new boots and a new cap So now good buy from your son Devillo Wheeler my love to you All Do the best you Can and so will I from your son Devillo Wheeler to Wm H Wheeler Allegany Cattaraugus County NY Devillo Wheeler to Wm H Wheeler D W D

[Deville Wheeler, May 12, 1863, continued]

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