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Dear Sir,

I must write and say that we have heard from Mr. Smith and realized that he is not coming back here. He left in a hurry and I have no idea where he went or why. I hope you will receive this letter and give it to my father. I am sorry for the trouble.

 Yours truly,
[Signature]

P.S. Please let me know if you receive this letter.
Harrisons Landing
Dear Sister

I received your letter some time since and was very glad to hear from you. The weather has been very warm this week. But today it is cloudy and raining which makes it more pleasant than the warm weather. I have been sick for too weeks. I have had a light attack of the fever but have got well and am fast regaining my strength. We had 700 hundred men when we left Baltimore but now we have only got 300 they are all sick.

I was taking a walk this morning down along the Banks of the River but nothing seemed like home.
although the air was pure and every thing looked fresh and nice But I Could easy tell it was not my native land houses and gardens are all destroyed every thing is desolate the Soldiers say they are tired of it and So they well might Be for I tell you there is no one knows how the amry of the potomac suffers But them Selves

I am not tired of it yet Beneath my Coat Beats a hearts that will Shall never waver or yet Become disloyal I wish I was able to Comman an army. I only ask to see this was over and see my friends again. I hop I Shall Be able to do that much

Say what what you please tis hard Life But we will Bear it
I have not time to write much more but write as Soon as you get this Letter and tell me all the news give my love all arround in your letter give me all the particulars of home in your inclose one dollar if you Can Spare it, tell Alfred to write tell Maggie I will answer her letter Shortly tell mother I am well tell her to write tell them I will Be home Some day when they are not looking for me mind that give my love to all keep apart for your Self write soon

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