

Camp in the Woods.
opposite the enemy.

May 26th 1862

Friend "Henry":

I have been hoping for a long time to receive a letter from you, you of course have read in the papers from day to day of our progress in the Peninsula, we are now within eight miles of Richmond, on the banks of the Chickahomany creek, about two miles on our right, we have forces across, and I trust it will not be many days ere we shall be across, and in the city of Richmond, we have heard this morning that Genl. Banks, has been defeated, but have no particulars, I hope the report is false,