Camp near Culpepper Pk.

Dear Sarah,

I have just returned from inspection of Company F. I am now in camp, and the weather is fine. I went to see you all at the house, and we had a pleasant conversation. Although it is very poor substitute for reality, where one can see as well as talk, yet at present, I am obliged to adopt it.

Will not appear when I left Pulteney, that I should be in Deytie’s lane as soon. Although I could not believe we were going to remain in New York any length of time, but I shall expect to remain about two weeks, and thought possibly longer.
I am much loth to vain when I wrote you last indeed I may say I am well or shall be in a few days have not got accustomed to the changes of Camp life yet but I think it will agree with me although not a very pleasant commencement I must say. Have just received your letters of the 27th was indeed very glad to hear from you but truly sorry to learn that you were suffering from the effects of a cold which I know by experience to be very unpleasant dissatisfy. Hope by this reaches you to learn that you have entirely recovered from it. You speak of coming to avoid if I am sick. My dear Sarah I am not going to be sick if I was I should by no means consent to such a movement. Therefore I wish you to banish all such thoughts from your mind. It would be kind of me to expect such a thing and much more so ask it. Have many friends in the Regiment who if I should be taken sick would see my suffer. Besides I have found several officers belonging to other Regiments with whom I have long been friendly. So my dear Sarah you must never think of a thing so rash but Console yourself with the belief that I am neither going to be wounded or sick but am bound to healthy I heartily. Camp life does not compare very favorably with a home life I will admit, but the men don't complain neither well
It is impossible for me to say when I shall be able to visit you again. Although it would give me great pleasure to take you (with whom I have spent some of the happiest moments of my life) by surprise some of these days, I will write you again and shall expect you to write whenever you can find opportunity.

Remember me to all.

Remain as ever

Affectionately yours

[Signature]