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fighting lately. the battle of Antetam was a bloody affair. the Maine Regts suffered to a great extent. the 47th Regt lost over half of its effective force they have now ~~you~~ home to recruit. I expect there will be some big battles shortly you would be surprised to see the troops on the ~~Rail~~ Roads leading to and from Washington as Capt. Adams Wood says Washington is safe and you would think so to go around the city and see the string of Forts I was there about 3 weeks ago I got a horse and rode round to the different Forts to see them one of the Maine Regts the 18th are in some of them they are peeling all of the trees within one and a half miles back of them

so they can see what there is going on. the most of the prisoners have been sent off from here there is only about five thousands here now perhaps you think that a large number but it is small compared with what there was here at one time there was twenty two thousands here the Harpers Ferry prisoners were amongst them they have been sent out West to fight the Indians I am in hope that I shall be sent to my Regt soon if I am not I shall take French leave for 30 or 40 days and I shall try and get up to Van Buren Wee mad a good of fun of J Davis & Co skinflusters but since our Government have had to resort to the same thing we do not say so much I will send you one I have

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no doubt you have seen
some of them
my respects to
wife and small ones
yours truly
B F Young

Direct as before

B F Y it is raining here
to day the first we have
since I have been here
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Camp Parole Annapolis

Freind Richards

Yours of the - was
duly received and I was glad
to hear from you I am here at
present and like to be for all
that I know you said that
some one ought to do something
with my lot before it all
went to the d. c. Smith told
me last winter when I saw
him in august that he would
have some do something on it this
summer if I cannot get any one
to work on it let it go to h. c.
untill I get out of this show
our Regt. are at Frederick doing
Provost duty I was at there there
other day they are having a good
time there our police have
been doing some responsible