

July 30, 1863

New York (Washington District) Va  
Camp 19th Me Vol, near Jugypts

Dear Brother, (Dear your)

letter in due time, but have not had time  
to answer it until the present time.

We have been on the march ever

since the 13th of June; have done

some very hard marching & some hard

fighting. We had the hardest battle at

Bettysburg Va. that has been fought

since the war commenced. The last

half of our Regt, killed & wounded.

We have about 850 men for duty at

the present time, we expect a

recruit (of conscripts) in a few

days. My health is middling good

at the present time, but I am not

as well as I have been. I hope this

will find you all healthy without any

news. I rec'd a letter from Mother

last night. She was well. She said

you & your wife talked of going to  
Fairfaxville in a bid in the fall.

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I hope you will be able to do.  
I should be very glad to see you  
all. I know you know  
longer, this is also going to be, but  
it seems to me it can't hold out  
-at longer. We hear that Beecher  
is in the mountains and a lot of  
is scattered all over Virginia,  
I hope we shall succeed in  
destroying the whole of them  
before they get to Washington.

I hear that Ford has left  
the old plan on the ground,  
and moved to Thynner's Back, & gone  
to the mountains. I guess he intends  
to let the farm go and said  
I think I shall leave him of  
his ring after my getting of  
some one else in his stead.

Write to me at either  
at your own and I will write  
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Dear J. P. Richard  
of the Board of Directors