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not try to get out of it,
until I can honorably; Jan 28/64

But I must close soon.
I had a letter from Jack
a few days ago, he said Phoebe &
the children were quite unwell.
She was in Belfast, to work at
his trade (shoemaking) he said
he was doing quite well this
winter.

I had a letter from Edward &
Ruth also Jacob & Mary
yesterday morning, they were
all well. They said
business in London was
very dull this winter.
I wish they had had no business
thanksgiving. D. R.

My respects to
your family (Souldah
included)

Tell Souldah I will write
to her as soon as I can get
time. Yours as ever

D. S. Richards
Jan 28/64

Camp near Salmouth, Jan 28/64
Dear Brother, I have just read your
letter, of date 14 & 16, and I was glad to
hear from you, but very sorry to hear
of your misfortune. I had heard ^(before) by way
of Father's letter, also Ruth's, of your ill
luck, of which I felt very bad
for you. My health is quite good at
the present time, and I hope this will
find you much better than when
you wrote. I have not much news to
write. I believe Gen. Burnside has
resigned, and Gen. Hooker taken
command. Whether he will do any
better than Burnside remains to be
seen. In regard to ^{the} Sick and Wounded
I guess you are better posted than I.
The log at Fredericksburg was not
so large as at first represented.
Burnside intended to make another
attack on Fredericksburg about a week
ago but the late rain ^{prevented the} movement.

