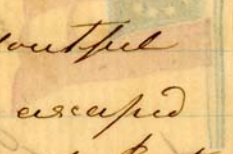




The
July 16, 1861
Yorktown Va. A

My Dear brother I am happy
to inform you that I am still
spared to the present time to drop
you a few more lines to let you
know that I am well and I
do hope that these few lines may
reach you and find you all
in good health for I find that
it is one of the greatest blessings
that we can enjoy on this earth
I was happy to receive your kind
letter today for it does me somewhat
good to here from any of my
people in this wilderness place
where I study so much it appears
to me that I can't stand it some
times but yet I do hope & pray
that I may live to get home



Again But it is doubtful
about that I have escaped
thousands of balls next But the
next Battle may take thousands
of us there is no telling about
that we are expecting a fearful
Battle at this place every day and
when it dose come off it will be
one that will be long remembered
by them that escapes But we are
well prepared for it and at Wicks
Every day you said something about
our battle being at harpers ferry
hit was 15 miles below here
At a place cold luthel Church
They was many balls went into
the meeting house our old Colonel
was in all of the men in war
And he says that he never saw
such a battle in his travels

They are sitting about here every
Day or two I got a letter from Henry
Potter aday or two ago and it was
Amity good letter I am glad to here
from you all & here that all of
you are praying for me and for all
I want you to give all of the neighbors
my best love & respects Tell my
Pere old mother hello for me
And per haps farewell for this
May be the last letter that I
ever may have the chance of writing
to any of you my feelings was
Montyside & the tears brook from
my eyes when when I was reading
your letter & come to where it told
me of the death of Mr. Suttle for
I thought more of him than any
Man that I ever seen in all
of my travels But if I can go

Just as I think he went
I think that I would go happy
There is a fever of sickness here at
this time and agate many
Deaths we have lost many man
out of our company yet and
I hope that we will all live
to get home again Write to me
Assure us this comes to hand

And direct your letter to the
same place that you did the
other so nothing more of
present only Remains your
affectiont Brother tell Death
Peter Potut to \pm F. M. Potut
And family and Mother
Brothers & Sister
May the Lord bless & save
us all is my Prayers amen