



VIEW OF HARPER'S FERRY.

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Goes Gap, on South Mountain, Md. D. July 9th 1863.

Dear Wife and Children

It is with pleasure that I seat myself to address you
a few lines to let you where I am and that I am well at
present. I and I hope that this may find you all
the same. we have ^{not} received our mail yet so that I have
not hear from home since the week before we left
the heights since then we have been on the
go most all the while. last Sunday I wrote you a
letter near Washington, Monday we March through
George Town and Washington City, it rained
all the while we that were on the road we took
the cars there to Frederick we were till Tuesday night
about 4 or 5 o'clock I'll be in getting to Frederick
then then we march about 4 miles West towards
this place and yesterday we come on here. the
object is to cut off Lee's retreat we are trying by his

whole army if we can. and ^{it} looks very much like it now
for we have troops on all sides of him and are taking
prisoners every day when we were in Frederick.
they brought about 300 we saw them and talk with
them. they were badly clothed ^{clothed} ~~closeth~~ ^{at} some of them were
barefoot. others with very very poor shoes.
the most of them are sick of the war but few think
that if they have a chance they will fight again.
there is a good many ~~wounded~~ wounded on our
lines so that we could see the effects of war.
some had only one arm some were lame showing
that they ^{were} wounded in the legs or feet.

yesterday they were fighting about 4 miles from
here most all day & we could hear the guns
very plain even small arms. but with not
no great effect only taken few prisoners killed and
wounded some. but we know not the number on
either side. no fighting going on to day that we
can hear of. ^{we} heard that Gen. Meade give Lee 24
hours to surrender. but how true it is I can not tell.
but hope that if it is ~~so~~ so that they will give up.
you will know ~~of~~ before this reaches you that Wick
Pickburg was taken on the fourth. we have it here
as being true.

Washington City is not a very nice place taking the
governments buildings out and some few others the rest
is of the Southern style that is old fashion. Frederick
is a small place but very fair for a southern city.
yesterday we past through Middle Town it is quite

a village. we are here where they fought last year but
did not fight much here. Gen Pinno was kild here.
give my love to all our friends and to Father and
Mother. tell Granks folks that ~~Oliver~~ Olisin has
not come to us yet but that he is all safe some where
if he has written home since he has been gone from
us. I want you to write to me about it.

I send you all my best love
from your faithful husband

Edward Davis