wagons. There can be no fighting here
take the round dries up. No advance is
possible. Artillery cannot be stirred.
This is a most wicked rebellion. All wars
are wicked for one side doubters but in
this one the government is right if ever
any party was right in a war. We are
fighting for our own liberty, the same
which our noble fathers purchased
for us at such cost, and besides we
are fighting for the cause of constitutional
liberty & representative government in the
world. We ought far better perish utterly
than fail in this struggle. The war has
been characterized as one never was before
by the most strenuous, systematic &
unblushing falsehood, theft, treason
and treachery on the part of the rebels and by
most astonishing forbearance & gentleness
of enemy on the part of the government. Base,
more ignoble, more cowardly & despicable
eying, stealing, treachery than have been
practiced by the adherents & aids of
the rebels were never seen. But enough
of discussion. I shall be glad when