better by by. I joined my regiment at Albrighton about Nov. 12th. I have marched with them since except from Warrenton Junction here. We have endured many hardships. Have marched through rain, wind and snow, camped without tent, without supper or breakfast. We have lived without bread, vegetables. We have no money, have not been paid in five months and cannot get credit—yet the people at home heap curses on us for not doing more. They have taken away our best and most loved & trusted general & how much better have we done since? We have marched 30 or 40 miles in three weeks that Bumside has had command & now we have a rumors most probable although perhaps not true, that Bumside has been prematurely ordered to cross the river and has resigned in consequence. The enemy are in force on the the opposite side of 30,000 being said to be in eight from Gen. Sumner's head quarters. Our gens say it is impossible for us to cross here. The odds are Ennading