Camp, Elaste, Near the City of
Frederick, Md. Oct. 8th, 1862

Dear Wife [family],

It is Sunday morning as I suppose you are aspiring to hear from me often I will try and get together material for a letter. We have not had any mail since our arrival at this place so you see we are very anxious for one. My health is good though my bones feel this morning as though they bent the ground last night.

As I wrote before we came for a considerable distance up the Patapsco River the banks of the River are high rocky bluffs through which it would seem impossible to build Railroads or do any thing else but there is a splendid double track Road and in one place the Road runs under a mountain and all along the little River there was large mills & factories and village and more than that the people are true and loyal to judge from the burning of flags from every door.