The road to near Fredericksburg. Believe that there is hundreds of teams constantly at work at the same time. I want to give you a little idea of what the Army does. Suppose our Brigade (say 10,000) should fall your way and they should be pleased to stay for a night in our field in front of Edmeston. Then the supply wagons, ambulances, the artillery and all things connected thereto come just about full of the lot. In one hour from the time the first man enters the lot you would find the lot filled as solid as before the war, about a thousand tents, stretch up and every rail of the fence around the lot made ready for bedding down the men. At the same time just look out of a window and you will see soldiers in every direction searching for and killing your, and your neighbors, cattle, hogs, sheep, and poultry. And if there is not a guard placed over your farm immediately your fence will be dismantled from cellar to garret. I am afraid our stay here will be short. For our Col is afraid he won't win military glory as fast here as he could in active service. So your next letter I wish you to send me a reply and after 6 or 10 days do them up and put them in the letter. If you should send a box of things with the neighborhood please direct as you would a letter, but to be in the care of Judge Edmunds, Agent of the Michigan Relief Association, Washington D.C. Please write soon.

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