Mr. Patton

Dear Sir,

I have made about one half my shoes, I will need both sole & upper for the rest. Please send my shoes by the boy.

Kate has been very sickly but is now much better & will I hope soon be well.

Yrs. J.H. Payten

Contrary to my expectations we are nearer Richmond to day than Washington, our army moves and General Meade endeavoring to cut him off at Manassas but he was too swift for us. I reached his fortifications about Centreville as there was no way to place his position except by crossing the Potomac as experience has taught us that that will not pay. After meeting the Rebel roads near Manassas Station (within ten miles of Manassas) to the northwest of Lee slowly will draw his army to my rear to the Rappahannock.
What the next move may make is doubtful, if he may
be by the Fredericksburg route, or he may try McClellan's old
spring ground (The Peninsula) as he will need here is so com-
pletely destroyed he can not
come this way. Whatever it
may be, the vigilant eye of
Lee, will soon discover
he will be ready to meet
them at any point.
I have heard from Chapman, who
is at Gordon's Mill, so I may
yet get anything you know
sent by him.
I think it is highly probable
we will have another campfi
here the night, if he do not
go to Man, we will in all
probability soon go into Kine
post ten either on The Potomac.