

Mr Patton

A Sir

I have made about one half my shoes, I will need both sole & upper, for the rest

Please send my Seather by the boy

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

Yrs  
L H Patton

Camp Stone wall Virginia  
Oct 21<sup>st</sup> 1860

Dear Sister

Contrary to my expectations we are near Richmond to day near Washington, Our army pursued Mead endeavoring to cut him off at Manassas but he was too wise for us & reached his fortifications around Centerville & as there was no way to flank his position except by crossing the Potomac & as experience has taught us that that will not pay, after destroying the Rail road from Bristol Station (within seven miles of Manassas) to the Rappahannock, Lee slowly withdrew his army to his side to the Rappahannock.

What the next move, the enemy may make is doubtful, it may be by the Frederickburg route, or he may try McClellans old turning ground (The Remineral) as the soil round here is so soon utterly destroyed he can not come this way. Whatever it may be, the vigilant eyes of a Lee, will soon discover it he will be ready to meet them at any point.

I have heard from Chapin, who is at Gordonsville, so I may yet get any thing you have sent by him.

I think it is hardly probable we will have another campaign here this winter & if we do not go to sea, we will in all probability even go into Winter Quarters either on the Rappahannock

or on the Potomac.

Oh! how much this army has lost in the death of Jackson I think Lee instead of losing his army by his death has lost his heart.

I have time to write no more as the mail will leave soon - Good bye

A. B.