

Camp Stonewall Va.  
July 24<sup>th</sup> 1863

Dear Sister.

We are again on the tramp, we left the vicinity of Martinsburg on the 21<sup>st</sup> after one of the hardest days work I ever did ~~you may say that~~ marched near Winchester, the next day from Winchester to Fort Royal and marched of 25 or 30 miles stood picket most of the night & to-day marched to this place 13 miles from Spring

Place we are bound I cannot tell. But think we will go to Culpeper Va. I have received no letter from home since the 3<sup>rd</sup> of the month I have written several, all asking for clothes & that is my principal object in writing to night by the Camp fire. If it is in the range of human eyes I wish you would send me the clothing, you cannot imagine my condition I have no shirt in my pants the legs are worn out, have had but one pair of socks which are worn

out completely, my shirt button  
buttoned off me, but I was so fortu-  
nate as to get a white shirt &  
a pair of drawers which both are  
now so loose that I can scarcely  
wear them. This evening I caught  
between 50 & 100 on my shirt & drawers.  
Excuse plain speaking but it  
is certainly not an exaggerated  
state of affairs.

I would not trouble you so  
often if I could possibly stand  
it or there was any chance of  
getting them here. I offered \$5.00 to-  
day for underclothing but neither one  
nor money can get them.

I know this letter is rather  
complaining, but as I believe it is  
the first one of that kind & consid-  
ering the desperate state of affairs  
I hope you will excuse it.

Excuse bad writing as I am writing by  
fire light. Good night, God bless you all

Yours  
T. H. C.