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Beverly Ford at Rappahannock  
Aug. 15. 1863

My dear Annie

Your note & Father's (Chelms) of the 9th Inst. came to hand last evening. My position as Brig. Adier was temporary. Giffen is back again. Manly and Black Rock Miller & Lawler are all dismissed for absence. Some of them may be restored again but they will have hard work. Mahan is still absent and will also be dismissed unless he returns any soon and makes a good defence. I offered to do something for Miller on your account but he wishes to be dismissed in order to get home. He counts the dis- grace nothing at all. Of course



I would not do him a kind-  
ness against his will. Indeed he  
is not a proper person for  
favours. I applied for leave of  
absence to go home but I was  
denied it on account of the  
absence of my gallant colleagues  
Manly & Mahan. I have to suffer  
for their mis-deeds you see.  
I was mad enough to resign  
but did not. He will probably  
move - Heaven knows whether -  
from this place within twenty  
four hours.

I hope you have entirely  
recovered Love. I hoped to be  
with you in your affliction  
& my hope was broken. Did  
you receive package by Express  
My regards to Father Mahan  
Ever truly yours  
W. M. Thayer