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Head Quarters Log House
April 4. 1863

My dear Sammie

I received yours of the
1st Inst., this evening. How glad your
dear letter made me! Was it not for-
tunate, my dear, that you went home
just when you did to alleviate
poor Lottie's sufferings and to
make her happy? Our dear child
is so precious to me that I
would rather see the red-flash of
the judgement-day upon us all
than to lose her. You and Lottie
happy and well and that is a satis-
faction which leaves me without a
wish. I know the difference between
your care and kindness and those of
others, and Lottie knows them too.

I hope most presently that
Mrs. Doyle is with you ere this
and that she is more happier than
she was. I am really interested in

her and feel that she will be much better in heart and spirit when she meets you. Tell me all about her in your next.

I am reading the Miserables by Victor Hugo. The interest increases with every line. It is a splendid assault upon Society as it is, and a powerful invitation to be good. There are some gross - sins in it which are objectionable, but I like it for its grand purpose - Philanthropy.

Captain Mahan has arrived in camp with two recruits. What a product for ~~8~~ eight months labor!

Although your letter is hopeful on the point, since you left I have given way to the belief that I am not to be appointed Provost Marshal. Well, let fate operate.

Give my love to Mrs. Doyle (if she is with you) and kiss our little cherub for me.

Grimes