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Camp at Beverly Ford Va.
August 26. 1863

My dear Jennie

Since I wrote to you
last I have received three letters
from you the last one enclosing
stamps.

I am quite well and so
are all our friends here. I expect
to see Plunkett tonight - he is
out here in the neighborhood
somewhere and will call no
doubt ere he returns. M^r & M^{rs} Hanna
- ra was here this morning looking
well. I reported Mahan's case
to-day to Wey Sept.

Six "Substitutes" are to be shot
in this Brigade day after tomorrow
for desertion. This shooting men

for execution is something new in
this Brigade - but it is better late
than never. It should have been done
long ago. I hope they will commence
to shoot officers for the same offence.
This Army, if such a course had been
adopted in the first place, would be
now from fifty to seventy five thou-
sand men stronger than it is - and
would be inconquerable.

I asked you, Lou, for Julia's
address and you did not send to me
because you said Julia was out. Does
she live at home at all now? I hope
she is not already displaying her
feathers with a view to matrimony!

The times are dull here - no
fighting - no news - no excitement, so
I while away the hot hours of the
day with "David Copperfield" and
his friends, Uriah Heep and Wilkins
Mecawher. Love to Lizzie.

Yours.

Guiney