Camp of the 20th Maine Vol.
At Buppahannock Station, Va.
April 26th 1863

Dear Mother,

I read your kind letter of the 17th and was happy to hear from you. I should have wrote before but was out on picket when I read your letter. Mother we are having fine weather. Heard of pleasant. Mother I think you would like to hear the news. The 20th Corps moved yesterday some say for Pulaski, but I don't know it is the rumor that our Div. is going to guard the Rail Road this summer. I hope it will be so for I don't like to March. Mother you wrote that Seth Goodrich buildings were on fire. where does he live Mother.
I am glad that Maine has given the Soldiers a chance to vote but I should rather that they would give us the chance to come home take some of the Copperheads and Cowards out to the front and the sea if they would flat about the Army of the Potomac Mother you say that you don't me to reinlist there is no danger of it I get I think that it is time to see 12 Months that I will come home and stay more than 35 days at least but if I am needid after I stay at home three or four months then I shall come but I guess that it will be settled before Mother it is well enough to be a Soldier in the time of ware but there is not any money enough in the United States to hire me in