

May 27th/62
Charleston

Dear Sister

As Mr Middleton goes to Lexington today I will send a letter, I received the box & was very much pleased to get it as I had just left the land flowing with milk & honey & come to a scarcer part of the world.

We left Wm on the 25th & came to this place, the enemy have taken position near Harpers Ferry, & so we suppose we will attack them as it would be impossible to take the very hard heights unless at a great loss of life, & I do not see what we could accomplish, unless we intend to relieve Maryland & I do

do not think that is the
policy of the Government
at present, I think we
have come down here to
stay until Gen Jackson
can get the stores et
cetera from Winchester
& Martinsburg. You have
no idea of what we have
captured. You need not
think we will attack the
enemy here as Gen Jackson
is himself still in Winchester.
If he never stays he will
when any fighting is to
be done. I will enclose
an old letter which
I had no chance to send
off. Respectfully,
Fred