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Camp Suffolk March the 16th 1863

I now take my pen in hand to let you know that I am well I read your letter to night and was glad to hear from you but was sorry that you have sickness in the family for you have trouble enough when you are all well I hope that little Esther will get well and then it will not be so hard for you to get along with your work and you can get your rest nights and you will feel better I presume you are pretty near down sick but we are afraid to tell me you must tell me the worst as the best I want to know just how you all are every time that you write I am sorry that you lost your pig but if we meet with no greater loss than that we need to be thankful they are sending troops in here every day there is a going to be some move made from here pretty soon Burnside is coming here to take command and I hope that he will have better luck than he did at Fredricksburgh but I suppose that he was not as much to blame there as some others was for my neglecting to do what belonged to them to do they neglected to forward the Pontoon bridges and without doubt they wanted him defeated so that they could get his place money seems to be the object and not the preservation of our government. Charles says give you his best respects and you must not feel hard at him for not writing oftener to you for it takes about all of his spare time to write home and you can hear from him every time he writes home the ward boys are all well write soon
D H Daniel Hall to Wife

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Oh my Dear Children how sorry I am to hear that you do not love me and your Mother if you love me you will be good Children and mind your mother and love one another I hope that you will all be so good that your mother when she writes again can tell me how good you are how much better I will feel than I do to hear that you are bad Children Daniel H to his Children