

163

Annapolis Junction Mar. 1<sup>st</sup>

Esteemed Friend

Mariah It is Sunday and rather a lonesome day for Soldiers if they all feel as I do. they are all with few exceptions writing to their friends and as I happen to be one of the unlucky ones and have but a few friends it dont take me all the time to write <sup>to</sup> mine. Well Ed has been hounding me to write some in his letters for the last six weeks and as I had a few leisure moments I thought it would do no harm to make an attempt you asked Ed in one of <sup>your</sup> letters if I was a brother to him I am a brother to all Soldiers that has left the Society of friends and the enjoyments of home. to fight for the stripes and stars. that right may prevail over

wrong and the Union be saved, and  
when we can see the stripes and stars  
floating through out our land where  
they are now trampled down, and  
peace and harmony restored I  
shall feel as though we have been  
amply rewarded, for all the hard  
ships that soldiers have to endure  
give my respects to all of your  
folks that I am acquainted with  
your friend  
Mat-Thomas