

## Transcription

### "Every thing here in the greatest confusion"

Fredericksburg Va.

June 13th 1861.

Dear Flora:

I wrote to you from Richmond, but have heard nothing in reply. I wanted one of those swords which Stuart had at Riley and which I suppose he brought with him. If you have one, send it by Adams Express to me at this point. I saw Brewer in Richmond, but as I have heard nothing of him since leaving there, I think is probable he may have been ordered off. How are you and Maria situated at Wytheville. I hope pleasantly. I am on Genl. Holmes' Staff, chief Quartermaster of the Dept. I am a 1st Lieutenant of Infantry. I intend however when the regular army is organized trying to get into the Cavalry. I find every thing here in the greatest confusion, with difficulties innumerable staring us in the face, but I think by the end of the month we will have things straightened up to a very considerable extent.

You cant imagine the amount of business to be done. We have just heard and are rejoicing over the battle at Bethel Church. Answer this at once. I would like to write more, but really have not time—love to Maria

Jno R Cooke

Mrs J E B Stuart

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