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Camp of the 108th NYV
Falmouth, Va.
April 27/63

Dear Farley

The long expected marching orders, have finally come,¹ and unpleasant as it is I must write a few lines home to assure you that I start in as good physical condition as possible. The orders are to leave at daylight wherefore we are as yet ignorant. Col. Pierce rejoined us several days ago bringing with him \$15.00 for me. The money was very acceptable, although the pay master came soon after and paid us all off. I am officer of the guard today and can find very little time to spare for writing. Several letters have been received lately and remained unanswered. Tell Mary that the letter she spoke of in her last never reached me.

Love affectionately close

Sam

I received \$4 from you a week or two since [???

Sam

Notes:

¹These orders marked the initial movement of the Chancellorsville Campaign (*O.R.* 25, 2, pp.266-68). Hooker's plan was to outflank Lee's army in Fredericksburg, a movement that to a certain degree replicated Burnside's disastrous "Mud March" in January which led to his removal from command, but this time the weather was better and the army more confident. From the 27th to the 30th Hooker sent 5 Army Corps to the northwest along the Rappahannock while holding Lee in place at Fredericksburg with the 1st and 6th Corps. The initial moving force the 5th, 11th and 12th Corps were followed later by most of the 2nd Corps and the entire 3rd Corps so that the entire movement from the Union side looked like a huge right hook which would land on Lee's supposedly unsuspecting left flank.

