

Camp near Potomac Creek.  
Va. March 23 1863

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to be and in fact I am all right.

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pleasant, although we have had  
it bad enough for the past week

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have plenty of wood—build fire  
places in our little shelter tents, and  
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