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Feb 18th 1863

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Description: John Sheahan on talks with Rebels

while and just when I
could get a chance, John
Shaw wrote to me when
I was in Maryland and
I did not get a chance
to answer his letter till
a few days ago so you
can judge by that that
we are kept pretty busy
General Stoneman came
to see us and he said
that our horses and men
were going down hill fast
and that we could not
do so much picket duty
the Rebels are sociable.
as you please I had a
long talk with them when
I was on my post
they asked me if I would
like to have a southern
paper I told them that
I would, and they all
set up a laugh and
said one fellow I thought
you would so he
came down to the
edge of the river and
put a mast in a board
and put the paper in
it for a sail and then
sent it across but I did
not get it and then he
sent me two other
Richmond papers but
I did not get them, we
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the time we are on
guard.

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you will see by this drawing
how I live

Write again soon
J P Sheahan

I got the Stamps

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