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Manchester N.H. June 10th 1864

Mrs Wilcox

Dear Madam I
have received your letter &
hasten to reply
Your son was in
the battle Thursday May 19th he
was wounded in the leg I
have the impression that it
was not considered at the time
a dangerous wound. Hor
Frederick Smith Smyth was
there soon after the fight &
our Surgeon Wm A Webster
told him among others that
your was wounded I have
seen Mr Smyth & made particu-
lar inquiry & showed him your
letter If he had been badly
wounded we should have

found him out - It was our
duty to find out - and attend to the
worst cases first - take their dying
message to send to loved ones
far away, to point them to Jesus
& administer to their dying wants

We had 10,000 poor wounded
dying men on our hands in
the most dreadful condition
men could be in I think your
son must have been sent
direct to Washington I don't
understand why he or some
one else don't write I do
hope you will hear soon
Capt Stone was wounded at the
same time I was with him
Col Bobbitt - & Major Chandler
were wounded before several
days. They were at Frederickburg
and left while we were there
I saw Major Chandler the

day you wrote me and
if it had been sent - one
day before I would made
inquiry of him. He is still
confined to his bed & is
probably the reason he
did not - reply to your
letter. Col Babbitt - is more
feeble than Charvellen as
his wound is more dangerous
I have not - seen him since
he got - home

If I can in any way
find out - anything about
your son I will do so. So
I hope you will write me
if you hear from him
as I shall feel anxious
on your account

I make it - my pleasure
to do all I can for our
wounded men on their

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friends, You will excuse
this hasty note in pencil
I am engaged most of
the time in writing to the
friends of the wounded and
necessarily calls to answer
questions about husbands &
sons.

I must close hoping and
trusting that - your child,
soon hear from your son
and that - he may be restored
again to you

I have written as I
believe the facts to be and
that - if he is alive that he
is in Washington I should
write to Wm A Webster he
is the surgeon in the division
where your son was wounded
Yours with respect -
John B Patterson