Washington D.C.
June 22, 1864

Madam:

I have delayed writing
hoping that I might gather
something more definite in
regard to your son. From
what I can learn I fear that
your worst apprehensions are
to be realized. A privy in
the same regiment kept the
Capt. and Lieut. (yourson) both
fell at nearly the same time, they
were pronounced mortally wounded
and left on the field, as our
forces fell back. The next day
we retook the ground, the rebels
had buried the Captain but
no trace could be found of Lieut.
Wilcox. There is a possibility
that he may be yet alive in
the hands of the rebels, but it is
a slight hope indeed and though
sail it may be let me advise
you to give him up as a martyr
to the cause of his country and
freedom, and in your affliction
be assured, my dear madam,
you have the hearty sympathy
of your friend

J. B. Aiton
Washington,

MRS E. P. MILTON

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