

Thomas March the 1863

My dear beloved Wife
I have taken my new
pen in hand that you
sent me to let you no
that I am as well as
coman we have moored up
the river a bout 12 miles
to a place called miligen
land it is not so wet
as it was at youngs point
I received your letter this
morning and was glad to
hear from you and that
you was all well I receive
d twelve sheets of paper
of this size and size
d small ones this is one of
the sheets that you sent
to me and you said that
you had sent me some
some

postage stamps but
I never got any sta
mps I was glad to
get the envelopes for I
had none nor cost not
any more for we have not
been paid off yet nor our
old sutler has nothing
in hand now and I have
wanted to write a letter
but I had n envelope
to put on one and
I hated to try to buy
one for I did not see
when I could pay them
back but the ones the
I have got some from my
dear & loved one that
I would like to see
but we must do

