

Fredricksburg [Fredericksburg] Va., Jan. 23d 1862

My Dear Wife

This leaves me Still in bad health though no wors[e] then [????] for common for my health is bad all the time and I recon [reckon] will Remain So as long as I Stay in this State. But hoping this may find you & family all well and doing well for you & Martha are more on my mind then my own health or life ever can be to me. My Dear pleas[e] write to me and let me know how you are getting along and fairing in every respect for I am Raily uneasy indeed about you for I cant hear from you or any of the rest of the family and I think it vary Strange too why it is for I Start a letter every week to you. I Sent you Some money three months ago by Lieut H. B. Coffee [Hill Bryan Coffee] and I have not got an answer from yet pleas[e] let me know whether you Received it or not. Turn over & read the other Side.

Lieut J.A. Shaw will Start home in a few days and I will Send you Some Money by him. I will also Send you Richard [C. Bellamy's] Degaratype [daguerreotype] that he Sent to Martha. It cost him five Dollars to have it taken. Richard will also Send Some money to you for Safe keeping until he gets home. Pleas[e] let [?????] know anything about it until he calls for it. Richard has bin vary unwell with pains in his Ears and is yet under marching orders but I dont know where to only the battle field. Wee are looking for another fight here. Pleas[e] give my love to all the family and friends. Dick Sends his respects to you all and perticular to Elen. I will close by asscribing my Self your affecttionate Husband until Death. Direct your letter to Richmond Va.,care of Col. J.C. Hatley [John Carroll Hately] Company D 5th Fla. Regt. [Brig. Gen. Edward A] Perry Brigad[e]

C.B. Bellamy

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