

Levy Co. Fla., July 9th 1862

Dear Wife

After my respects to you this leaves me as well as common. I feel drousey from being on guard but I hope this will find you and Family well. I have nothing of interest to write To you only wee had two or three bomb Shels Threw at us on monday last but did not come near than a mile of us. They cant get clost a nough to hurt us. I was on picket that night. I expected a Scrumage [scrimmage] but got disappointed. The blockcade came up in Sight. She was about 4 miles from us. Wee herd Several guns yestaday but cant tell What they ware Shooting at. There is no danger Where wee are only insects. I believe they will kill us. Dear Wife I hate to Say that I Cant Send you any money yet. I got fifty dollars the other day all in one bill and could not get it change and Sent it by lieutenant Peak [Oscar Fitzalan Peek] to Tallahassee. He will be back next week and I will Send you Thirty or fourty dollars. Do not be discouragement for I am doing the best I can. Wee are looking to be paid of again every day, then I Shal Sent it to you as fast as I get for Safe keeping. I wold try to come home in a few weeks but it will Cost mee ten dollars & half to go and come. My Dear Wife I wold give any thing to See you and daughter. Some times I think that I cant bare it then I try To pick up Reerlution [resolution] and get along very well. But do not let my absence grieve you at al for I am doing as well as co[u]ld be expected. I think I Shal Come home Some time in August. Write to me Soon and let no [know] how you all are and let me [k]now if you have heard from george and how he is and whether He is Still at Camp leon or not. Give my love to Isaac and Sally, to zack and fanney and tell them all to write to me every chance, and Billy & Elen to do the Same; also take the Same liberty your Self. I must close by Asscribing most cincere love and Remain your affectionate husband until Death Direct your letter to nomber four Cedar keys [Cedar Key] East Fla.

C.B. Bellamy to Mrs. Clarisa L. Bellamy

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