

Richman [Richmond] Va., Aug 12th 1862

Dear Wife

After my love to you this leaves me as well As common. We are now at Richman. We got here yestaday after a long and tedious journey of Eleven Dayes. We will leave here on thursday next for Stone Wall Jackson [Confederate General Thomas Jonathan "Stonewall" Jackson's] army about 70 miles from here. We are attach to his army. He commence a fight the other day. He cent 300 prisners [prisoners] in Richman yestaday. Among them was one general & 29 other commission officers and is Still fighting. Dear Wife do not trobble [trouble] your Self about me more than you can help. Triy to do the best you can until I See you if ever do but god only knows for he is my only Sorce of hope and if he is for me no one can be gainst Me. Dear Wife I dont think it will be long before Wee Shal meet if we both live. I dont think the ware [war] Will last very long. Dear Wife I wanted to come Home before I left but could get off one mile after I went back to camps. I saw William and Family Since I Saw you. I told them to go down and See you. Richard [Richard C. Bellamy] is well. Turn to the other Side.

Dear Wife I Sent you my likness by Mr John Bryant to leave at Mosley Hall in care of Mr Witherspoon, pleas let me know whether you got it or not. I will give you the rout we came. We Came to Savannah from there to Agusta [Augusta] Hamburg, Clombia [Columbia] Charlott [Charlotte] Raleigh Peters Burge [Petersburg] then to Richman. My Dear Wife I wold give anything in the world to be back with you again. I learn Since we got here there was no call for us here. It was Col. Hateley [John Carroll Hately] was the cause. My dear Wife write to me as Soon as you get this. Times are very hard here. Shoes are from 10 to 13 dollar pr pare. I hope that god will Spare our lives To meet again for I See no other Sorce for protection on earth then we Shold to him That we may be Spared to meet again. It is one Thousand miles home. Take care of my baby, give my Love to all the family, tel them to write to every Chanc. Farewell my Dear. Write Soon, your affecttionate Husband

C.B. Bellamy

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