

Culpepper Vagininia [Virginia] Aug. 29<sup>th</sup> 1862

Dear Wife

After my love to you this leaves me unwell But hopeing this will find you and daughter well & all The Family. I am now at the hospittle [hospital] at Culpepper Court House. I am not confine to my Bed But unable to march. I marched until I gave out. I have not Seen the company in nearly two weeks. It is Study [steady] march every day. This country dos not agree with my health by any means. It is Said wee will be Sent back to florida in October next. I dont think the war will last many weekes longer from what is going on. It is Compel to Stop or every man die. That is all the newes I am aloued to give you at present. My Dear dont be uneasy about me for if my health Dont improve I Shal come home. Wee have taken 9000 prisners [prisoners]. Our Regiment has not yet had a fight the last I heard from them. My Self [and?] Wm English [William English, Company D] is together. Write to me Direct to Richman [Richmond] Va., in care of Col J.C. Hateley [John Carroll Hately] Com D 5 Fla Regt Pryers [Pryor's] Brigade. If ever i get back i can tell you what hard times is. There is something i forgot. Stone Wall [Confederate General Thomas Jonathan "Stonewall" Jackson] old paper Staff come so near getting him. They got his hat and got three hundred thousand Dollars.

My Dear Wife Write To Me Every Chance You Can. Dont Be uneasy a bout me at all. Whatever pleas write to whether you got my ambrotyp [ambrotype] or not, nothing more but remain your affecttionate Husband until Death

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