

Florida Hospital, Richmond Va., Dec. 9 1862

Dear Wife

After my love to you & daughter this leaves me not in vary good Health though hoping this may find you in the best of health. I am yet at the hospital. My health improves Vary Slow indeed. My Dear I have nothing vary inticing to write to you. This is an awful hard time here. Wee have to pay four prices for every thing wee buy. There is no newes of peace yet. It will take a little more fight yet before the Sun is over. My Dear I am vary well Satisfied at this place. Our fair [fare] is tolerable good and we are Well treated here, more so then common for hospitals. I taken a plesant Walk over town this evening. This is a vary rich place indeed. There is Something to be Seen here in any Direction. I wish you cold [could] be here With me. I think it wold [would] be a great Satisfaction to me indeed but a greater one if I cold [could] come to you. Nevertheless all things will come right Some Day or other providence provides for all things. I think Mr. Reams will come Home in Short Time as Soon as he is able at any rate and I will Send you Some Money by him. He has had the Small pox but recover and took the Incipalus [Encephalitis or Insipidus?] and is pretty bad at present though on the mend. Money cannot Stay in a mans pocket here. It is either Spent or Stolen from him. Pleas write for I have writen time and again and have not got but 3 letters from you. You all must be better Satisfied then I am or otherwise you wold [would] write oftoner then you do. I must close by asking you all to write to me Soon. I remain your affectionate Husband until death.

C.B. Bellamy

I forgot to tell you I am Sorry to inform you that Marsden [Marsden Bellamy] is dead. He died of pneumonia and Richard [Richard Bellamy]is Some whare in this town Vary Sick if he is living.

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