

Richmond January the 8, 1863

My Dear wife

I now take this oportunity of ritin [writing] you A few lines which inform you that I hav bin rite sick though I am improvein Sum hoping that those few lines may reach you and all the rest of the family ingoyin [enjoying] the kind blesin of god. I hav nothin of any greate importance to communicate to you only I hav received two letters from you and one from your farther. One was dated the 18 of December and the other november the 9, 1862. I received them the 5 inst and hit gave me greate satisfaction to her [hear] from you one more time and to her [hear] that you was improvein in health. You rote [wrote] that you waunted to no [know] whether I waunted any land enterd or not. I would be glad that you would enter two fortys if you can git the rite numbers and if you will git Mr. Tuten he can giv you the rite numbers of hit. I waunt you to rite to me as soon as you receive this for I am anxious to her [hear] from you all at any time. I would be more then glad to se you all but I dont no when I will git the oportunity of that pleasure though I hope that it wount be very much longer for the pares [papers?] states this morning that France intends to reconise the south for she is starvin for the cotton. I supose that she inter [intends?] to run the blockades. I suppose that that brag [Confederate General Braxton Bragg] has had A fight in the west an captured 4,000 yankz and arms and 200 wagins and teames with A greate deal of pervision [provision] though he has retretd back 30 miles on the count of gitin reinforcement. He found that the yankeys was reinforce in [reinforcing]. Dick [Richard Bellamy] send his compliments to you all and says that he is as harty as A buck but caint gump [jump] half so far. He says that he wants you to rite to him and rite how all the girls are and tel them that they need not to be uneasy for if life last that he wil cum back to old florida again. So nothin more at present. I beleve onley I remains yours most Afectionate husband until Death.

C.B. Bellamy

[Written on back]

Dear wife you rote that you wanted to no [know] whether I wanted any clothin or not that you would Send me sum but I dont wantt any now for I hav as many now on hand as I can manage for I had to throw A way the close that I brung here with me. I coulden cary them. I never wantt but two suits her [here] at the line, yours most obedian [obedient]

Direct your letter the Fla. hospital, Richmond, Va. Care of Dr. T. M. Palmer

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