

General Hospital No. 1, Ward H, Richmond Va., March 19th 1863

Dear Wife

After my love to you and Dauhter [Daughter] this leaves me in bad health though improveing as fast as the nature of the case wold admit. I can walk about the ward. I have not bin out of the house. I am not allowed to go out of the doors at all. I am gaining Strength vary fast. Dont uneasy your Self about me, the Doctors thinks that I am out of danger. My appatite [appetite] is getting tolerable good a gain. Wee had another fight at Fredricks Burg [Fredericksburg] yestaday the 18th. The Contest lasted about 4 hours. Our loss is Said to be 250 killed missing wounded; the loss of the yankey is not as certaind [ascertained] yet. Tell all the family they must claim a Shear in this letter as I cant write but Seldom and not think hard of me for not writing for I write When ever I am able and have the chance but dont wait for me to write every time but Start a letter to me every week and I will write as ofton as I can. My Dear pleas let me know whether My place is taken care of or not or is tore up and destroyed. Pleas give me all the infamation [information] you can and dont flatter me at all if its destroyed let me know it and who did it. That note on Fletcher I Sold it to Mr T.P. Tuten for a Sow and he was to take care of the Sow and increase for me. I must close by asking you to write Soon and ofton. Give me all the newes of the country. Tell all the Family to write I remain your affecttionate Husband until Death

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