

General Hospitale [Hospital] No. 1, Ward H., Richmond Va., April 7th 1863

Dear Wife

After my love to you this Leaves me on the mend vary fast. I have got So I can eat all I can get and more to[o]. I hope this may find you and daughter both well and doing well and all the balance of Family. Dear Wife I received two Letters from you Since I came to this place one dated March 24 the other March 29th. One came in 10 days the other in 8 days which was the quickest I ever got one. My Dear tell your father to Sell my place if he can for one hundred dollars for it and if he thinks it it [sic] is not worth that to Sell it for what he thinks its worth. Let it be more or less for if I ever get back I Shal not live in that Settlement any more, I dont think, for it looks like the devil is in it. Any way in regard to Fletchers note I dont remember whether I gave Tuten the note or not but I know I traded Him the dept on Fletcher for the Sow. Tell father pleas to do his Best to Sell that place for me for if I ever get back I Shal not Stay in that Settlement or country. My [Dear] you wished to know what was the matter with me. I had the Billious fevor [Bilious Fever] and Dierrheea [Diarrhea] for two months. I also Suffered with Asthma all the while. Dont be uneasy about me I am mending vary fast though I am weak yet. I cant walk vary far at a time. The wather [weather] is So cold I have to keep vary close. I Should have Sent you Some more money but I Saw no chance and our food Did not Soote me hear [suit me here] while I was Sick and I Spent a good deal of money for milk for it was all I craved but I will try to Send you Some in the corse of two months. Dont be uneasy about me I doing vary well at present. Nothing more at present but to Remain your affecttionate husband

C.B. Bellamy

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