

General Hospital No. 1, Ward H, Richmond Va., April 15<sup>th</sup> AD 1863

My Dear Wife

After my love to you this leaves me Still improving. I Shal if no bad luck be able for duty again in two weeks. I hope this will find you and family all well I was vary much hurt to here that you ware and have bin for Some time in bad health. My Dear there is no chance for a furlough here. I may after a while get one from the Regtment. My Dear Dont be uneasy about me for if I Die before I get back I think I Shal be happier Then I am where I am at present but I trist to god that I Shal See you again and all the family. Give my love to all the family in general and tell them to write to me. Tell your father that I once thought that he thought a good deal of me but I found out he dont think a nough of me to write to me but I will only Write to him the more. Tell all the family to write to me and write your Self and let me know how crops is in that county. You wrote to me Some time ago that you ware Making hats. Pleas tell me what kind of Hats they are, whether they are made of white oak or raw hide. Turn to the other Side.

My Dear I Sent you Richard[‘s] degaratype [daguerreotype] With 20 dolars in it by Capt William Partridge and I have not heard whether you got it or not. Pleas write to me Soon and let me know whether you got it or not. I told him to give it to Mr. Alvin May. Write to me as Soon as you get this and give all the newes of the county. Tell all the Family to write to me and write ofton [as] you can. I am nearly well all to the Asthma and that is hardly ever cured it may be patched up for a while. It cant be entirely cured. Tell your father to Sell my place if he can at any rate. Do the best he can with it. Trade it to his own notion. Answer this letter as Soon as you can. Give me all the newes. Give my love to all the family and take care of daughter until I get back. Write as Soon as you git this and Write as ofton as you can. Nothing more At present but remain your affectionate Lover and Husband until Death. Write Soon & ofton

I Send you a tract in this letter pleas read it through

C.B. Bellamy

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