

Taylor Farm Suwannee Co.  
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My Darling Husband,

I recieved [*sic*] your precious letters dated the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of the month and oh, my Jacob how delighted I was to get them and to hear that you were enjoying such good health. I wrote to you the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. I hope that you will get them, I expect you will as you have got them all thus far and I have got all of yours. I am glad to say, Darling I don't think that either of us can accuse the other of neglect, for we write so often to each other, but my Darling I know that you would not accuse me of neglect, if I were to write only once or twice a month and were deserving it, and I hope my precious one that I would never be guilty of accusing you of such a thing, if I did I know I would [w]rong you Jacob darling, and may your Dolly never judge you of a [w]rong deed. I know that you are not deserving to be accused of any such thing. What wife is there that has such a dear, precious, and faultless Husband as I have. I will answer this question darling, their [*sic*] is no wife that has a husband that is nearer perfection than me, I have not a single fault to find. How can I help but be sad and lonely away from such a husband, how happy it makes me to know that you, precious one takes such good care of your self, and that you are so comfortably fixed in your tent, but I know Darling with all its comforts it is bad enough. I got a letter from Lonie the other day. She was well, but William was not very well, she wished to be remembered to you, there is no news from below. I have not heard from Maggie since I wrote to you. I am glad that I sent your boots to Lake City to Lt. Davis [?] or I would not have sent them knowing when he left. You say in your letter "how your poor Mother must grieve,["] indeed she does my darling, she grieves a great deal, she is looking very badly, how I do pity [*sic*] her she has so much trouble, how can she help it. You also said that you had got a letter from her, and in it she told you what a good wife I was, and she love[s] me. I know that she loves me, and my Darling how I wish that I may prove worthy of her love, she is deserving a better daughter than I am, and may I prove to be the good wife that she says that I now am. I am not deserving of such a husband such a precious one as I have got, but I will try dear one to prove myself deserving of you, and also of your dear Mother's love, whom I love so dearly. It is not dear one quite dark so I will stop and finish in the morning. Good evening my own dear one and pleasant dream to you from your Dolly.

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Precious one, I will not finish my letter and send it to Mr. Mickler's for as usial [usual] he is going to mail it for me. I have not recieved the box that you sent me yet but I expect that it is at Welborn [Wellborn], and Mr. Mickler will get it today. I know that I will like my dress since it is your choice I will like it any how. I recieved the ten cents stamps, and I am so much oblige[d] to you for them. Uncle Robert is here now he came the 10<sup>th</sup> and is going to spend a week or two, he wishes to be remembered to you, and says do you think that he can get back in the Regt. [Regiment], for he thinks that he can be taken as a concript, he is looking so well now. Mother, Father, Sister, and the boy all send many kisses to you and say do come home, little Freddie sends many to[o]. She is so

pleased to hear that you have sent her a comb and some candy— she is as anxious for the box to come, but not more than I am. I know I shall be so well pleased with my dress, I have succeeded in getting three mourning dresses and now you have sent me another, so I think that I have enough for now. I am glad that Gen. Forney [General John Horace Forney] is so well pleased with your Regiment, but I wish he would send it back to Florida. You did not mention anything about your coming home in this letter have you given it up my Darling. I hope not. In my last letter I insisted on your resigning and come home, but my pet I will not insist although I am so anxious for you to come, and am so sad and lonely. I know that you know best about such things, and will do for the best, but I hope that you will think it best to come back to Florida. I am so in hopes that the Yankees will never atack [*sic*] Mobile. I hope my Darling that you are wright [*sic*] in thinking that this war will end soon, but I am afraid it will not. I hope my own Darling that you are wright, as we can be together once again, Do try and come soon [missing text] Dolly is so anxious.

Mother say[s] that she has just brought in seven watermellons [*sic*], and she wishes that you had them.

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