

Richmond Va., Jan. 11th 1863

My Dear Wife

This leaves me in much better health than I bin a few days past. I was very Sick but have recovered again through the mercies of God. I hope this may find you and daughter well and doing well. I am yet at the hospital. My general health is no better than when you saw me last. Richards [Richard C. Bellamy's] health is tolerable good. I have some money I wish to send to you but don't like to send it by mail but if you are in need of it I will send it. You will please let me know as soon as you get this. I have also Richards' Daguerreotype [daguerreotype] which he sends to Martha. He also wants to send some money home for safe keeping. Mr. Wm Woods [possibly William M. Woods, Company G] is gone on to the Regiment. It's likely I will send it by him. He lives near Monticello but I don't know whether I will see him as he returns or not. If I do I will send it to Mr. Alvin May and you can get it from there. I have no news to write this time. Every thing is quiet. At present times is getting harder every day. There is no chance for our brigade to come back to Fla. [Florida] We will have to rough it the best we can till the warfare is over if we live. Nearly half of our company is dead. Tell Mrs. Reames that she is left a widow. Mr. Reames [Joshua Reams] died on the 9th of this month. I went to see him every day until I was taken sick. While I was confined to my bed he died. The old man suffered a great deal before he died. They carry off from one to two every day from this hospital. Myself Richard [Richard C. Bellamy] & Mal Slone [Malachi Slone, Company D] is together and will start back to our Regiment tomorrow but can't say how long we can stay after we get there. Please write to me on receipt of this and give me all the news of the country. I was sorry to hear that father was wounded from the shot of a man who cared not for his country. Give my best wishes to all the family. Richard sends his best respects to you all & wishes you to remember him. Clarisa if you have forgotten me let me know it and I will marry one of those little Dutch women and raise a family Jews here in Richmond. Direct your letter to Richmond Virginia company (D) 5 Fla. Volunteer in Care of J.C. Hatley [John Carroll Hatley][Brig. Gen. Edward A.] Perry's Brigade [Brigade]. I remain your affectionate husband until

C.B. Bellamy

When you write to Dick direct your letters to company A of the same Regt and care of same man

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