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My Darling Wife,

I received a letter from Ruffee today dated Oct. 25th. I rejoice Darling to hear that you are improving although I expect it is verry [*sic*] slowly. And am also delighted to hear that my Darling little Emma has escaped her fever. I have Darling been so uneasy about you and Emma. Today makes five days since I have left you and it is the first I have heard. I have received Capt. Buckman's [Captain Thomas Ellwood Buckman's] letter today inclosed [*sic*] in Ruffee's to me. It is likely Darling I shall go to Tallahassee tomorrow to see Genl. Miller [General William Miller] in regard to Capt. Buckman's letter. I know Darling the torpedo business is the most dangerous— nevertheless it affords me more opportunities of seeing you my Darling One. The boat I intend to take charge of is not completed and it is not likely it will be done before the last of next week. I wish Darling I had remained at home several days longer while there as I am here now idle and have been so ever since my arrival. I sent word to Dr. Pope Darling on my way here that I have to decline selling my horse as he did not come here the time appointed. I have not been sick Darling since I wrote my last letter to you. My sickness was caused I believe from my cold which is a great deal better now. I will not answer Ruffee's letters Darling as I know they are written for you. Remember me Darling to all at home. I am sorry to hear about Bob not working in the wagon. If I am not much mistaken Darling before long you will hear of the Yankees capturing some more fishermen there are verry much exposed. If Genl. Miller orders me on that special service you will soon see me again at home. I hope he will. Good bye my Darling may you and Emma continue to improve in health is the wishes of your absent Husband.

Jacob E. Mickler

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