

Beaufort S.C.
February 14th 1864

Dear Emmy,

Your letter came last night, and I feel in a hurry to answer it. I have ^a great deal to write about, but I feel so glad to hear that our dear little Jo is better that I can hardly think of anything else, I have trembled every time I have received a letter for along time. - for fear that it would bring this news that one or ~~the~~ all of my darlings were sick with that dreadful disease, but I have been spared so far, and I thank God from my heart for His great mercies to us. I truly sympathise with you, my darling wife, ~~with you~~ in your great trouble, but doubt if my presence would be any comfort to you in such a case for I am a great coward when any danger threatens any of my treasures, (though for myself, I find I can face danger as coolly as most people) (this is to you)

I am very anxious to hear from you again, and hope to hear that she is quite well again. Tell her that I am glad to hear that she behaved so well, and took her medicine, and Annie, tell her that father is glad to hear that she was such ~~ag~~ a good girl when her sister was sick. I will bring theme something pretty for a present when I come home.

Take good care of my dear wife, and dont let her get sick. My own health is good. J. is in Florida I suppose, but have not heard from him lately.

You will see by the date of this, that we are in Beaufort again.

We received the order to pack up on Thursday, about 3. o'clock, P.M. and at 8. we were on the march, and landed here yesterday morning. We are close by our old camp ground. Our tents and baggage has not got here yet, and we are lying around without any shelter, but the weather is very pleasant, so it is just as comfortable. For my part, I did not care much about leaving Morris Island for I had much rather be where there is something going on, but we have been there nearly a year and the men have worke^d very hard and need rest, though it is through the influence of Gen. Saxton, that we are sent here. He likes this Reg^t very much, and has been trying for six months to get us into his command.

He came up to Morris Island in the latter part of the Sumner on purpose to get Gen Gilmore's consnt to let us come here, but failed at that time

It is very likely that we shall remain here for some time, though everything is very uncertain in the army, but as long as we stay here we shall have an easy time, and there is no shells flying here. We had a man killed the day we left there I am quite anxious to hear from Jo, but he does not write very regular perhaps you will hear from him, if you do let me know about it. Our tents are coming and I shall have to stop writing for the present, I am very anxious to hear from you again, and I know you will write soon fore you will know how I fe^l about it. There is nothing more of any importance to say so I will close.

I am as ever truly yours
Leander