

Bermuda Hundred Va.
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My dear little wife.

Yours of the 31st inst. was received two days ago. I intended to have answered it sooner, but have been prevented. It has been so very warm. that it is nearly impossible to do anything. It appears now, as though it was the intention of the commander, to give this Division a little time to rest, which they very much need, as we have been on active duty, of the hardest kind, since we left Yorktown, in the first of May. We have been fixing up our camp, and have got things as comfortable as they can be in this miserable country. What with the dust, heat, and flies, it is about as mean a place as anyone ever tried to live in. You cannot form any sort of an idea of what a terrible plague the flies are. While I am writing this, my face and hands are covered with them, and they are crawling all over the paper. It is of no use to brush them away, for if they move, there is a swarm of them always ready to alight in their places. But with all this, I find several causes for thankfulness, as there are no fleas and but very few mosquitoes. but the flies bite enough to make up for any loss of that kind. They will bite through a woollen shirt, or stockings. I do not suppose this subject can be very interesting to you, but if you could sit down by me. here for a few minutes. you would not be surprised. that the subject takes considerable of my attention. I had a letter from William, and one from mother at the time I received your last and I have not answered them yet. I suppose you will be writing to me today, but I hope will write oftner than once a week. though perhaps you think the answers, are not worth. the trouble of writing.

I do not suppose you will have anything very important, to write [at*] about, so often, but the importance of the subject is not what interests me. It is pleasant to know that you are thinking of me, and when I cannot hear you talk to me, the next best thing is to read your letters, everything that you write is interesting, and generally those things that you consider of the least consequence. is what pleases me most. We have not got paid yet, and no prospect of it at present. I should like to have Elmer write to me if he is about, there. Mother wrote that he had not been there. But I suppose you have seen him. I am very glad he has got safely out of this. If I could hear that Jo. was well I should feel much better. Perhaps we may hear from him soon, as there has been arrangements made for giving the prisinors a chance to correspond.

But I will not try to make this much of a letter now, for I did not begin it right for that. but I ex- a letter from you tonight. and then I will try and do better next time.

Yours truly Leander