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Raleigh N.C. July 26th '65

My darling.

Yours of 15th inst. is just rec'd: and it makes me feel that I have neglected you of late, but it hope you will not beleive that it is from any lack of love for you. my darling wife. I have been so fretted by disappointments, in my hopes of seeing you that I had no heart to write you a pleasant letter, and so sent you none.

Now I have got over that, and am resolved to use all the stock of patience that I have acquired in four years of hard experience. There is a reasonable prospect of the Reg^t being discharged this Fall. when I hope to be with you, and render our babies, some very efficient assistance, in loving their dear little mother, and so far from being jealous of their love, I will love them better for that, than for everything else they could do for us. One reason that I have never writen what I have been about since I came to Raleigh. I have never been settled at any business since I came here. I was at the Post Hospital, five or six weeks when I first came here, where they wanted me to stay, but I would not be detailed. as I was in hopes to be able to get discharged. Then Dr. Dearborn, wanted me to come ^{^to} the Reg^t and help him, But the Steward got back in a day or two, and he did not need me any longer. At present I am on duty at Department H..Q'rs. as special messenger, for carrying orders. to the different detachements in the Dep^t. There is nothing to do but ride on the cars. I got back from Lexington, last night, and start tonight for Greensboro. I shall go that route regular I expect, while I stay there.

In regard to money, I am very much in need of some, for I cannot draw any clothes, and I am rather seedy. The o^{^n}ly shoes I have got are an old pair of slippers, and I have been very hungry for a long time for the lack of a little money. There is a talk of our being paid this week, but it is very uncertain, and if we are I can easily sent it back to you,, so I wish as soon as you get this, you would send me twenty dollars (20) and if you get out before I get paid you must draw on Mr. Buck. But I do not think it will be long before we are paid

You had better send it by express, and then it will be perfectly safe. You can enclose it an envelope. with the directions, and give it to the Stage Driver, and let him put it in the Express, and bring you the receipt. Direct to me at Raleigh N.C. Do not fail to send it as soon as possible, for I have borrowed 10 dollars on the strength of it.

Now darling, I must close for the present. Do not fail to write as often as convenient and direct to the Reg^t as I can get them best that way. I will write again soon.

Give my love to the little ones.

Yours truly,

Leander