

Beaufort S.C. Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 1862

My Dear little Wife,

It is a long time since I have received a letter from you, and although there is no mail to go North at present, still I thought it would be best to have one begun to send when there is a chance. There is nothing new to write about, here, every day passes so much like every other that I hardly notice that they do pass. It seems but a very short time since I left home, in fact my mind is with you so much that it seems as though I had not left you at all. There is hardly five minutes at a time that I do not think of you. I suppose Dr. E. and his lady: have arrived at home by this time. They probably got home before my last letter, I was in hopes you would get that before he got home, but I missed getting it into the mail that went by that boat so there will be quite a long time that you will not have any letter, but dont think hard of me darling. I will make it all up some time. Well it is growing dark, so I must stop now but I will try and have a good long letter to go by the next mail. Take good care of yourself and the little darlings this cold Winter, and dont forget your loving husband, Leander.

Monday Dec 7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> No mail yet and no letter from my darling Emmy. Well I will be patient, perhaps I shall get two or three soon. It has been very cold for this climate for several days. I think we mind the cold more here than we should at home. There has been several nights that water has frozen, a little, and it seems as though I have suffered more from the cold than I ever did at home in the coldest weather But I can't write untill I hear from you, so I might as well stop. There must be a mail in today I think

We shall be paid in a few days, and then I will send you some money, L

Friday Dec 12<sup>th</sup>

Well Emmy your letter came last night. The mail arrived at the Head yesterday, and I sat up till nearly 12 o'clock waiting to get my letter, but was disappointed after all, for it was missent, and I did not get it till today. I am glad to hear that you are all well. I have not time to write but a few words now, for I have go a pass to go out shooting and am in a hurry to get away before dark, but as there is a mail going tomorrow I could not let it go without sending you a few words. There will be another go in a day or two and I will send you a good long one by that. I have a hundred things I write but cant stop now, So good bye for a little while. God bless you, is ever the prayer of your loving husband.

Leander