

Beaufort S.C. Feb 11<sup>th</sup> /63

Dear Emily.

Your letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> ult. came last night. and as the mail leaves. here again this evening. I shall have to write in a hurry, as I have two or three more to answer. I must write to Julia sure. I received one from Mother and one from Margaret, by this mail. I suppose<sup>se</sup> you hear from them often. In my last. I wrote that we were expecting to leave here very soon, and did expect to have gone before this time. We are now expecting orders to move, at any minute, but cannot tell when, or where we shall go. I shall be very glad to get orders to go, as I have got tired of staying here. Haynes has been sick again, (but I believe I wrote you about that last week.) He has got out again and is pretty well now.

Mrs Sawyer is well, and sends her regards. My own health is as good as usual. and I believe that is about all there is to write ~~at~~ except my love to the children. The fact is, I am sick of writing. when there is nothing to write about, and think that I shall make short jobs of it unless ~~you~~ there is something of interest happens to tell.

You need not put yourself to any trouble or expense to send me. the childrens pictures. I will wait till can come home to see them.

And as you seem to be considerably worried about money matters I will try and explain how I stand That I have not been as prudent as it was my duty to be, I am willing to allow, but should have felt a great deal better if I had not been reminded of it quite so often. It is now nearly nine months since I have sent you any money, but out of that time, there is over four months pay still due me, and then there is the money that I have lent which I mentioned in my last. I had no idea from what you wrote. till very lately, that you was in need of money. If, I had I should certainly have sent it. and will do so hereafter as soon as we are paid. I have no fears but that the Government will pay all that is due to the soldiers, and that I shall be able to maintain my family, and pay all my debts, so you need not be troubled if Maj Smith does [dunn\*] you as I intend to settle my bills myself, and think they can wait till I get home. I have made this letter longer than I expected, and no doubt, longer than you will like, but thought it best to explain my circumstances, so that you will have no occasion to write me a lecture on economy, as I do not like it, even if it is a "matter of necessity instead taste" I did not like that expression at all, and I think you knew, I would not. For some time past I have not read a letter from you that has not made me fell low spirited, and I am very certain that you do no love me as you did when I first left home. I am sure you have found fault with me in you heart, though perhaps not in words.

But I will not write any more at present. If we are ordered away suddenly I will try and send you a few words, or get Mrs. S. to inform you of it.

Truly Yours  
Leander