

Base Hospital 10<sup>th</sup> A.C.  
Jones' Landing Va  
Nov 20<sup>th</sup> 1864

My Darling,

It was a long time again since I have written to you. Your last reached me last night just after I had made an unsuccessful attempt to write to you. Your last letter has given me more pleasure than I have experienced for a long time, and more than ever expected to feel again. Perhaps, I ought to give you some reason for my long silence but my reasons are so very poor ones, that I fear you will think them worse than none.

In the first place, when yours of last week came we were busy about moving into a new place that we have had built for cold weather, and for several days I did not get time, and after that, I have begun to look for another one, and wanted to see that before I wrote, and the principal reason after all and a very poor one too, is that I was very much interested in a book which I was reading, and spent my leisure time (which is very little just at present) in reading. when I ought to have been writing me dear little wife.

I did not feel so sure of being forgiven perhaps I should not neglect you so. So you see that you will be obliged to scold a little once in a while just to keep me straight.

I do not feel a bit like writing to night as you will readily perceive by my hydrophobics, but cannot put you off any longer waiting for the spirit to move. I feel confident that I shall be able to get a furlough this Winter when I will try to convince you that I still love you as well as ever. Now my little I shall try your kindness by short letter again, for I positively do not feel able to write a good one tonight. I will write again very soon.

My health is excellent, and I have a very pleasant situation here.

Now my darling Emmy try to be as cheerful as possible for I want to find you looking and feeling well when I get home. Believe me

truly your very  
affectionate husband  
L.