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My dear little wife,

Your letter of the 16th of April arrived today. I did not write last Sunday as usual partly because I had no letter to answer and partly because I has no letter to answer and partly because Camp Jackson Hospital was being broken up, and I did not know whether I should remain in this place, or ordered to some other, but I am here for the present, with the prospect of remaining for some time. It is a very pleasant place in fact the pleasantest Hosp. in town. My work will be very light, too much so I fear, but I have a very pleasant room, and everything nice. The building was built by the Government for a Hosp. before the war, and is a very beautiful building. It is fitted up without regard to expense. But since the war seems to be ended, and the object for which I enlisted fully accomplished, my interest in the army is at the end, and I am only anxious to get out of it, and be at home once more. But I am expecting to get very tired of waiting before the time comes. I am sorry to find that you still persist in indulging those gloomy fancies which can only serve to make you unhappy, and not afford me, a great amount of pleasure, but I have exhausted my small stock of consolation without affect, so I must leave it to time to set things right.

It is really mortifying for me to find that an impudent expression from an old wretch like old Myrick should make more impression on your mind than all I have been able to say. I am afraid that it was because his opinion agreed with your own that it had a greater effect. But it will leave the subject for it I have not been able to convince you that your happiness is a matter of the greatest importance to me, I should only fail again.

I am in hopes to receive your letters more regularly now and I do not despair of getting most of those that you have sent. I would like very much to get Jo's photograph.

I will not write a long letter this time for I have two or three more that I wish to answer tonight, and to tell the truth, I do not feel as though this letter will be likely to add much to your happiness. But I will write again in a day or two when I hope to do better.

Very Truly,
Your affectionate
Husband