

Hampstead Jan 7<sup>th</sup>/63

Dear Husband,

It is just a week to-day since I recieved a letter from you I hope I shall have another to-day but hardly expect it. I guess you laughed when you got my last letter and saw it date "62, but it was a mistake. ~~and~~

Your account of your sports on Christmas day was very amusing

I read it to Julia and you can guess how she laughed about the darkies hunting for the quarter.

I don't understand how it is that you would have been better off in the company than you have been in the hospital. You have fared better for provision have you not? and you have received more wages, and this is quite a consideration as long as you and need it so much ,and have to be away from all you friends to earn it

Now I hope you have considered these things, and I suppose you have but somehow I can't see through it all.

Mr Buck and others were talking with Eastman and telling what they heard about his resigning, and the Dr said the stories all come from you, because you were mad at him for not giving ~~him~~ you the stewards place, and that you were not fit for it, and that he had made you all you ever was or ever will be, and this was all he got in return for what he had done for you. After he got through Buck told him that he didn't get his news from you, that it come from Concord

My throat is a great deal better and I guess I shall get along without consulting a physician. I am in hopes I shall.

Well darling, I must not spend much more time in writing to-day. I dont know whether Mason has gone back or not, he told me he thought he should go back the next day after I saw him and that would have been last Monday

And now good bye for a little while. Charlie Sannon's body is to be embalmed and sent home

They think it will arive Saturday

I want you to write if you have heard anything from Joseph. we do not. From your own Emmy