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My Darling Emmy,

Although I sent you a letter which went this morning, I had to finish it in such a hurry that I did not feel satisfied with it, though I do not know as I have anything to say that was not said in that, except, that I love you very much, and I believe that I have told you of that before; still I feel better to write to you every evening if it is only for the purpose of saying good night, and the mosquitoes bite so that I shall not be able to do any more to night. We expect a mail in now soon and then I shall have a letter to answer So take good care of your selfe for the sake of your loving Leander, That's all.

Sunday evening Aug 10"

There was a boat came in today but it brought no mail, which was a great disappointment, it reports one due tomorrow which will bring a mail, so I may not have to close this without hearing from you, but as this one leaves tomorrow I will have something ready to send, so that you shall not have to wait so long for a letter as I do. Before this reaches you the Dr will probably have arrived there, he said he should call upon you, but his leave of absence is so short, and his business pretty urgent, I do not much expect he will have time. There is nothing new, being done here, the principle business. seems to be trying the officers before Court Martial, for drunkenness and disorderly conduct. The fact is, we have been very unfortunate as a Reg^t in the officers. but as they make a great many changes, we may perhaps get some good ones after a while. Your acquaintance Benj Wheeler. has got a commission as second Lt.

Our new Chaplain came today I have not seen him yet, but hope he will prove a better man than the other one. I believe that those who have seen him speak well of him ~~night~~

I have a number of letters to write to night and am in hopes to get a letter from you before I close this I suppose you have been writing to me to day. How I wish I could see you. Your dear minature is a great comfort, but it is not my own dear Emmy. But I must say good bye till tomorrow God bless you darling think of me always. L

Monday Aug 11"

I have not felt so badly disappointed before, since I left home. There has been two steamers in from Hilton Head, to-day and the mail was not sent. there it is lying at the office there, and I want to hear from you so very much. Well there is no help for it. I have taken several lessons in patience since I left you.

There is no reason to expect it now before the last of next week, nearly a fortnight You can sympathize with me darling, but the only way to help me is to write often, so that I can have a lot of them when they do come. I cannot write much this time for the mail closes soon and I do not feel like writing now, but I will write some nearly every day, and I shall have a chance to send again in a few days, as there will be a boat from Key West, in here soon. Give my love to Ruth & Hattie & their husbands, and dont forget my love to Clara and family. The rest of course every time. Kiss the babies for me every day tell them I shall know it when they are good girls.

Well good bye again my sweet wife.

I remain as ever entirely yours

Leander