

Camp Bristol Va

Aug. 27th 1862

My dear wife,

This is a dull heavy day in camp. It has been raining all day yesterday & today, casting a gloom over the prospects of recovery to many a poor sick fellow. But amid all the bad weather sickness in camp, I manage with your Saguonotype, your letters and the hope of returning, to keep cheerful. My good health no doubt contributes much to my cheerfulness.

I have no news of interest to write you to day, but as Judge Walker leaves here to morrow for Alabama, I thought even a line by him would be acceptable to you.

I never enjoyed a more pleasant time in camp, since I've been out, than I did last night notwithstanding it was a dark disagreeable rainy evening. The boys many of them had received letters from Ashville, and among the letters was one from Margaret to George Byers our servant. I have seen others exhilarated by good news, and have felt the influence of glad tidings myself, but I don't think I ever saw a happier soul in my life than was George. Everything he said was right with him now - he had heard from home - he was willing to begin the war anew - and didn't want to stop to Washington was ours & he could send Margaret a trophy from the Federal City. His antics and the many pleasant things said by Sumner & Mealy sothers to the different boys, amused us till tattoo

sounded and warned us that bedtime had come.

I send you by Judge Walker One hundred dollars Confederate Money. It will pass with you as good as gold. I hope this will help you till I can draw again. I have drawn more but thought I would wait a while and see whether I could spare more before I draw again. If I find I can I will send it by some safe hand. I intend to save every dollar of it that I possibly can for you and the children.

If you have a chance by Rowan or any one else coming to our camp, you may send me a couple of pair of warm net drawers to wear under my cotton ones. I have plenty of every thing else.

Dr Clark, Henry, John Francis & others will doubtless write also to their wives, by Judge Walker. - if they should not you can tell them they still stay well.

Before you receive this I hope you have received the letters by Cal Lovell. I sent you fifty dollars by him.

Write to me my dear Mary by every one coming here - and if they dont come pretty often write by mail.

Love to friends, kisses for my children - and assurance of continued & increasing devotion to you my dear wife

May the Good One shield us all (separated as we are) from danger is the prayer of your affectionate husband
C.