Mobile
28th June

My Dear Wife,

A chance is afforded me [illegible] writing to you by an acquaintance who is [illegible] on the eve of leaving for Eutaw — [illegible] are now encamped about 4 miles from the City on the Spring Hill road — I seldom come in to town and have but a bad chance to write out at Camp but nothinthstanding all that I have some how managed to write about 4 five or six times to your once — I never felt worse than I did at not receiving letters from you, but just the sight of one on yesterday from your well known hand made full amends — It [illegible] a rich treat to me indeed — Would that they had come oftener — If I had supposed that I should have been as long here I would have gone up to see you certain. But we are told one day that we would get off in the next and then we are put off again; so that we have been constantly on the look-out to get off. It is hard for you to understand how your husband could ever have consented to leave you, Is it not? Yes this little thing called Ambition Mamy — It will [illegible] men make sacrifices greater, if it were possible than I have made and patriotism would do every more, It would make one lay down his life for [illegible] country's good — Could I be with you for [illegible]

I think I could persuade you that I had done right. If I live to return to you I will make it the principal aim of my life to minister to your comfort and happiness. You Mamy and the dear little babes are all the time in my mind. I think of you the first thing in the morning and the last at night — I can almost hear them prattling sometimes, it is so vivid in my recollection how they talked — Dont let them forget me. Tell them of me every day — Make them talk of me and think of me — It made me feel very bad to hear from you that they sometimes cried for me — Bless their little souls if I never return they will never know how dear to me they are — Nor will you, my wife, ever be fully able to understand my feelings in consenting to leave you for the next — You will never know how bitterly grieved, I have been before & since at having to leave you in your present situation. That causes me more distress than every thing besides. But with fortitude such as I know you can bring to your aid and with such attention as I know you will have I hope all things will turn out well with you — May God bless you my dear sweet wife and my dear little ones! & permit us to meet again in health! — My health has improved with the exception of an affection of the bowels which is very common here from a change of water & climate — There are several sick in Cas

but none from Eutaw——
We expect to get off from here, perhaps
next week—— At what time I cannot tell
One more company is needed to form the Regt
When that is found we will start right off——
Dr Anderson has improved in health— Hale is well
so are all the young men from town— I have
a noble set of fellows with me Dr A sends his best respects
You will think it strange— perhaps wrong—
that I should not return home when so many
others went back— But I had left home
saying I would be willing to go for six months
and I could not turn back— You would have
been ashamed to see me return under those
circumstances— Wouldn't you— Some
others never having consented to go for more
than six months were of course released when
I could not have been——
But I must close— Be cheerful my
dear little Mary— Remember the promise
you made me— Famille my own dear love
Believe me until death
Yr devoted Husband.
Kiss the dear children Sydenham Moore
a thousand times for me——

Peter is quite well— At first he seemed
a little home sick ~~and~~ but he is better
satisfied now——

Remember me to Mrs Webb & Lady &
to Col Grahams family & Judge Whitakers
& all friends