

Jullabanna Gen 27 March/63

My dear wife

Your letter of the 17<sup>th</sup> came to me yesterday. A long nice letter full of pleasure and consolation to me. You know that men think I don't like to quirk & chat at home, but I at all events like it in letters from my wife.

The position given to Ebenezer is one which I could not have accepted & is not the one I asked for. A man may be promoted from the army & have the grade for additional rank, but he can not do so for the same or inferior rank.

I know that every body is very busy with their own concerns, and should readily be able to get about anything in season - You refer to the newspaper article in the Register signed L. alluding to the facility of promotion by visits to Richmond. Do you know I want it, & I expect shall see very soon say those and for it by some of the many men who have got promotion without merit

You & the children will all march  
with me for "four old steel."  
I had become in fault & fit, as  
careless & indifferent about any  
thing that I permitted him to be  
sadly neglected in my house.  
I have nearly 30 hours been sick,  
that will in a few days be turned  
over as wrinkles, & have lost  
this winter by doctors, ten & a half.

Had sent Hardy up to see  
Wendover to supply Dick's place,  
& he arrived yesterday.

Scouts run a few days ago,  
that I had sent him out for  
30 days. I hear he arrived in Monday  
very sick & is still very feeble, but  
good diet and kind nursing will  
soon bring him out I hope.

He talks less every himself  
than any one I ever saw & I  
think if he is not more careful  
for the future, he will not  
survive in camp. The winter will  
make an end of him.

I do sincerely wish I could be with  
you to see the children as their  
play & watch the garden & orchard  
as ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> fruits of the kindly  
spring, but I scarcely think I shall  
be the orchard before the fruits come  
in & shall be satisfied to pass over  
them leisurely, & take measures & precautions.

You have an idea how the tracks  
of the northern army are behaving.

A gentleman told me he stopped in  
a house in Ala. near Tusculum, about  
five hours, & on asking for shelter & food  
was told he might stay if he could  
put up with their fare. The father  
& brother were in the service. The Mother  
had arrived from the place 125 miles, the  
marriage as well as the wedding, every  
single wagon or carriage, every pound  
of meat. had killed all the stock they  
could find everying off the market here.

The young lady (said 17) melted the  
wax & baked a hot cake all they had  
to eat. They do every thing & in  
fact before there the effort is a studied one

To create such an hostility between  
the two peoples as can never be over-  
-come. The point is now more than  
at hand. Many of our own people  
take pleasure in saying that they would  
rather see them & prisoners, who  
walk to sleep in a cage for not keeping  
up & then who go to jail for trying to  
run away. If the war lasts  
12 months longer there will be  
no such thing as taking prisoners.

I see the corruption and  
mismanagement since the war came  
to an end - what is the meaning of  
it? We are all well & exercised  
at Bonapartes present conduct, or  
position - it looks like falling back  
but I don't at - He may overtake  
our force - We must soon come  
to blows in the east I think though  
many seem to think we have fought our  
last fight for the war.

My love to the dear little ones dear Emma &  
many kisses - And this you will  
affectionately understand.

A. C. S.  
Tulahoma

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I know that every body is very <sup>busy</sup> with their own concerns or I should readily be able to get almost anything in reason ---- You refer to the newspaper article in the Register signed X. alluding to the facility of promotion by visits to Richmond. Do you know I wrote it, & I expect shall one day have my throat cut for it by some of the many men who have got promotion without merit. You & the children will all mourn with me for "poor old Ned". I had become in Jan'y & Feby so careless & indifferent about every thing that I permitted him to be sadly neglected or exposed ---- I have nearly 30 horses here now, that will in a few days be turned over as worthless, & have lost this winter by deaths, over 8 or 10.

Ned sent Hardy up to me to endeavor to supply Dick's place, & he arrived yesterday

I wrote you a few days ago, that John had gone home sick, for 30 days I hear he arrived in Montgomery very weak & is still very feeble, but good diet and kind nursing will soon bring him out I hope ----

He takes less care of himself than any one I ever saw & I think if he is not more careful in the future 12 months or 3 months more in camp the coming summer will make an end of him ---- I do sincerely wish I could be with you to see the children at their play & watch the garden & orchard as they feel the touch of the kindly spring, but I scarcely think I shall see the orchard before the fruits come in & shall be satisfied to pass over straw berries, & take cream & peaches.

You have no idea how the Yanks of the Northern Army are behaving A gentleman told me he stopped at a house in Ala. near Tuscumbia, a large fine



home, & on asking <sup>for</sup> shelter & food, was told he might stay if he could put up with their fare --- The father & brothers were in the service --- The Yanks had carried from the place 125 negroes the unwilling as well as the willing, every single wagon or carriage, every pound of meat --- had killed all the stock they could find carrying off the mules & horses ---

The young lady (about 17) milked the cow & cooked a hoe cake all they had to eat -----They destroy every thing & in fact before that the effect is a studied one to create such an hostility between the two peoples as can never be reconciled. The point is seen now near at hand --- Many of our men refuse to take prisoners saying that they would rather kill them & prisoners who walk too slow are shot for not keeping up & those who go to jail for trying to run away ----- If the war lasts 12 months longer there will be no such thing as taking prisoners

I see that conscription and enrollment, seem to have come to an end --- What is the meaning of it? We are all much exercised at Rosencrans' present condition, or position --- it looks like falling back but I doubt it.-- He may over estimate our force --- We must soon come to blows in the west I think though Many come to think we have fought our last fight for the war.

My love to the dear little ones dear Km. & many Misses ---God bless you all

Your affectionate husband---

H. C. S.---