

Camp Kenilworth
Mobile Nov 3rd 1864

My dear wife,

Dick arrived safely with the articles
consigned to him and your letters -
at the time of getting the order to have
my boots made I got Mr. Killual to
give me a memorandum of the cost of
the work of Mr. Latham & cost of making &
paid it to the D.M. so as to have nothing
to do but to take the boots when done by
sending M.K. to him with the receipt
note and the statement that you paid
a second time I doubt he will see that
the money is returned to you -

I have the promise of a room in
a house owned by Mrs. Wornance
adjoining my camp, which is not
occupied, and the woman who is in
charge of the premises will allow
me the use of the kitchen so that
I expect to keep house with Dick as
best from chamber maid & table
It is only about 3/4 mile beyond the current
and I hope to get along comfortably
enough - In the mean time, till I
can get the room, I am staying at night
at Mr. Blount's after early breakfast
go to camp when I remain fasting
until night - I hope to be able to get
board near here for 10 days or so until
I can get the room & fit myself out -
Mr. Williams has made a sort of arrange-
ment with Mr. Blount to take his board
& laundry, but so, provide the board & laundry
expenses & have Elmore to stay with
them & his wife if she takes the proposed plan
as to come down in charge - if she don't like
it the arrangement will fall through
Mr. Williams & Mr. B. arranged it with
reference to your visit & as to have a room
for you if you can come down at any time -
I hope to have you here during the season

My dear Em. what ever way of your health
gives me much access - The sale of a few
shares of R.R. stock will much increase
our own wishes about the boys, and I
will go by Sunday to see Father Gantlett
and make all necessary inquiries
about Jennings and write to you at
once - The command to which I
have been assigned I find in a sad
condition of destitution - In one company
of about 100 men at least 50 are literally
barefooted, and there are not more than
25 good pairs of shoes in the command
Some of the men actually appeared on
inspection on a cold frosty morning
in drawers without pants & nearly
all were ragged filthy & unhealthy.
They are Missourians, separated from
home & friends after 3 years service
They are thus destitute - All clothing
which can be had is forwarded for
the use of Horses as my best hope
that they will soon be supplied -

Two other companies are not quite
so badly off but still badly enough

I am at present engaged in
efforts to provide & equip the command
& if successful shall feel that I
have done good service to the cause.

The horses are without long grass
or sufficient stalling - The men
sickly & use starch and altogether
it is rather disheartening -

Mr. Stewart speaks very often of
you and his desire to have you
here - I hope to cheer you up with

a visit to your friends here this
winter - Mrs. Hiram has never
been & speaks kindly of you and
hopes to see you here also - I
wish she would provide for you
for a month or so after you
get rid of the boys - Mr. Smith
says he will come down to his
house here this winter that I
must bring you to stay with
him - Mr. Merrill who lives
here also gives me an invitation
for you, as you see with so many
things to you here you ought
to be able to come and scratch
your husband - I have made
a sort of arm chair to take more
than a wine glass full of spirits
in any one day until the war is
over, so you need be worried or
apprehensive of my leaving my
home again -

I wish you to call on
Judge G. and tell him you
want some money and ask
him to let you have whatever
he can conveniently spare - He
told me he would soon have
some more when I parted with
him - I will send Dick to the court
with your letter this morning -
Charles Matthews & John Scott passed
through here on their way to the Salt
works, both very well -

Charles told me he thought Henry
was looking better than when he
came up from Clarke, and I
was sorry to hear of his chill
but hope it will leave him with
the approaching cool weather -
Send to him frequent letters, & endeavor
to make him take his bottle to
W. A. to be filled -

I have been very well indeed
since I got home, and after 4
days of heavy rains the wind is
now veering to the north, it is
becoming cool & I hope it will
clear off this evening & give us
a frost that will settle the
question of chills & fever for the
balance of the season - My love
fit nicely and am quite a treasure

I shall now have my shoes
y^e shod & be equipped for the
winter - I don't think my drawing
will last long, so must ask you
to have Mary & Florence make
up for me - as to the flannel from
The Dr. you got last spring you
can use that for now as for the
children - My love to Mary E. & W
I hope you that she is doing her duty
I will love her better than ever - Send
kisses for yourself & the dear ones -
affectionately yours H. C. J.

Mr. J. Smith

123 Main St.

City

Ms. A. 1. 1. 1.

C O P Y

Camp Beulah

Mobile Nov 3rd , 1864.



My dear Wife,

Dick arrived safely--with the articles consigned to him and your letters---At the time of getting the order to have my boots made I got Mr. Kirtland to give me a memorandum of the cost of the stock of the leather & cost of making & paid it to the Q. M. so as to have nothing to but to take the boots when done, by sending McK. to him with the endorsed note and the statement that you paid a second time. No doubt he will see that the money is returned to you---

I have the promise of a room in a house owned by Mr. Wornance! adjoining my camp, which is not occupied, and the woman who is in charge of the premises will allow me the use of the kitchen, so that I expect to keep house with Dick as cook groom chamber maid & valet. It is only about 3/4 mile beyond the c^{onvent} and I hope to get along comfortably enough. In the meantime, & until I can get the room, I am staying at night at Mr. Blount's & after early breakfast go to camp where I remain fasting until night---I hope to be able to get board near here for 12 days or so, until I can get the room & fit myself out---Dr. Williams has made a sort of arrangement with Mr. Blount to take his house & 4 servts and etc., furnish the house-keeping expenses & have Elmore to stay with them & his wife if she likes the proposed plan is to come down in charge---if she don't like it the arrangement will fall through Dr. Williams & Mr. B. arranged it with reference to your visit so as to have a room for you if you can come down at any time---

I hope to have you here during the season. My dear Em. what you say of your health gives me much concern---The sale of a few shares of R.R. stock will enable us to carry out your ~~Wishes~~ wishes about the boys, and I will go by Sunday to see Father Gantrolet! and make all necessary inquiries about terms etc. and write to you at once---The command to which I have been assigned I find in a sad condition of destitution---In one company of about 100 men, at least 50 are literally barefooted, and there are not more than 25 good pairs of shoes in the command. Some of them actually appeared on inspection on a cold frosty morning in drawers without pants & nearly all were ragged filthy & unhealthy---They are Mission^{OPR'ANS}-----, separated from

home & friends after 3 years service they are thus destitute--All clothing which can be had is forwarded for the use of Hood's army, but we hope that they will soon be supplied---Two other companies are not quite so badly off, but still badly enough---I am at present engaged in efforts to provide & equip the command & if successful shall feel that I have done good service to the cause--

The horses are without long forage or sufficient stabling---The men sick-ley & ill clothed and altogether it is rather disheartening---

Mr. Blount speaks very often of you and his desire to have you here--& I hope to cheer you up with a visit to your friends here this season---Mrs. Minson lives near here & speaks kindly of you and hopes to see ^{you} here also--I wish she would provide for you for a month or so after you get rid of the boys--
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 Rv. Smith says he will come to his house/for this winter & that I must bring you to stay with him---Mr. Murrel who lives here also gives me an invitation for you, so you see with so many strings to your bow you ought to be able to come and watch your husband--I have made a sort of vow never to take more than a wine glass full of spirits on any one day until the war is over, so you need be under no apprehension of my losing my purse again--

I wish you to call on Judge G. and tell him you want some money and ask him to let you have whatever he can conveniently spare--He told me he would soon have some more when I parted with him--I will send Dick to the convent with your letter this morning--Charley Mathews & John Scott passed through here on their way to the Salt works, both very well--Charley told me he thought Henry was looking better than when he came up from Clarke, and I was sorry to hear of his chill but hope it will leave him with the approaching cold weather--Don't let him forget the bitters, & when out, make him take his bottle to Dr. A. to be filled--

I have been very well indeed since I got here, and after 4 days of heavy rains the wind is now veering to the North, it is becoming cool & I hope it will clear up this evening & give us a frost that will settle the question of ^{are} chills & fever for the balance of the season---My boots fit nicely and/quite a treasure --

I shall now have my shoes $\frac{1}{2}$ soled & be equipped for the winter--I don't think my drawers will last long, so must ask you to have Mary E's flannel made up for me--As to the flannel from the Q. M. you got last spring you can use that for yourself or the children--My love to Mary E. & tell her now that she is doing her duty--I will love her better than ever--Love & kisses for yourself & the dear ones-----affectionately yours

H. G. S.