

4 Miles South of Chattanooga
Oct 20, 1863.

My Dear Father-

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Bolly's wound - the wound is I now suppose much
more severe than account, represented at first.
Capt. Wise who is a Dr of some judgment, in
his own estimation, at last said he would recom-
-be riding in a week or so. I knew this was not so
but he created the impression that it was slight.
I trust he may recover early anyhow.

Some of us are anxiously looking for his return.
I wrote you ^{Bolly's} a few days since the letter was
I believe dated Oct 16th but it failed to be mailed
until this morning and I suppose it will be about
4 days before ~~you~~ receive it.

My friend Henry Letson of the Gelmer Grays has
just come in & tells me he leaves for Mont's in a
few minutes & consents to take this & a package
of letter paper for Bolly.

I have been very sick but not confined to bed -
a week or more - Diarrhea cause.

My position as Capt is not unpleasant - as Capt
Dillard is friendly & desirous of doing right,
I have gotten on well with him.

P.S. Pleasours by the Col. my Haversack, & contents, if
Gilbert has lost them.

Uncle William has not arrived here when he comes
I shall endeavor to make him as comfortable and
his trip as agreeable to him as possible.

shall do all I can to aid him in his task of removing
any of our remains. I still think of Tom not simply
as a brother dead but of his intemperance, bravery and
all his good traits.

In connection with myself I did not
mention that I am going out, but am troubled a
good deal with disordered stomach.

I read to the Battalion to day Jeff Davis address to
the army of Tenn. - all pronounce it an eloquent ad-
dress in my opinion no better was ever published
to an army. His allusion to Genl Poragg as the one
who has done most in proportion to what he has claimed
and his bitter irony on his subordinates sowing the seeds
of distrust & discontent cannot be better.

I believe that Pres. Davis is hopeful from the tenor
of this address. He is well pleased with the victory
here. Have to quit tonight & my piece of canvas
going away fast. Love to all, Carrie & Lol especially.
Remember me to Betty.

Wm. W.

Cumshars Hall

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