Pugh thinks we will be returned to Eufaula as soon as Jeff Davis is inaugurated - this is very private and it must be kept very secret - Good by - God bless you my darling - your own H.

Camp of the Eufaula Rifles
Near Montgomery Feb 14th/61

My own Sweet Darling

Here am I in Camp at the fair grounds - all the Commissioned Officers except myself have left - and about three fourths of the men - I mean they have gone over to Montgomery - the rest of us are here - But as Bill McGyer said in his lines on the death of a favorite hound "Every dog must have his day" and so I will have mine to-morrow - I preferred remaining here to-day and sleeping all night so that To-morrow I will be fresh and walk over to Montgomery and remain all day - Judge Shorter and John T Morgan have visited us - and all the men who came over with us from Eufaula excepting Chambers I forgot to say that we reached here about 12 oclock - It is now nearly 8 - I am writing on the tray of my trunk - up in a Circus wagon - and my bed is up here too - I went out to Beallwood saw every body out there stayed a short time - went back slept at Cooks and got up at 3 oclock this morning marched to the Depot

in the main &c &c - I wrote you from Columbus - It is said that we are to leave here for Pensacola Saturday morning - But the Capt and privates Pugh & Cochran are working with the Gov to keep us here until the inauguration of Jeff Davis - I would like to see the inauguration very much - but I am not satisfied that it would be best for us to remain - It is impossible to have strict discipline while here and drills and the men need both very much - while therefore as a man I would like to remain - as a Soldier I don't wish to remain so long - I am impatient to get to Pensacola and get settled at least for the time that I have to stay there - I have been in a state of suspense and uncertainty long enough - The Gov - I learn does not favor the idea of our remaining and it is uncertain whether we will or not The common opinion here is that we will not have a general war - as to whether we will have any collision at all or not men of information are divided - Judge Shorter thinks we will be relieved in six weeks I would be content with that - Nannie my Darling this is no idle sport that your old dear has gone into and he knows it - But he has made up his mind to bear it all like a soldier without a murmur I think it was the only time I ever saw

Hatch Cook in Texas - H[illegible] morning he met us on the Boat - He could not keep them back - they would come - He is outraged at the Gov calling us out - This of course you will not mention - But thank God and the Company I am lifted above the most exposed and arduous duties and I intend to take care of myself - I have stood every thing thus far first rate - never felt better in health and were it not that I am parted from my Darling Nannie whom I love better than every thing else on earth I would have nothing to regret - I am in good health strong patient able to undergo fatigue and exposure and if it comes to fighting I am not afraid but what I will win my way to glory with my strong right arm and well tempered sword - She thought that my Nannie will look upon me with a prouder and fonder gaze and that she will think of me as one who stands higher with men than he does now will nerve my arm and fire my heart - But I must stop this sort of talk Nannie I sometimes think that even you have not sounded the depths of my soul and I believe that you have looked deepest into it than any one else - - I will stop that -
I will have to make some arrangements with Judge Shorter about getting your letters

to me at Pensacola I will make them and write you I cannot be deprived of that pleasure — well my Darling good night I will finish this in the morning I hope you will have pleasant dreams of your dear — good night my Angel — good morning Darling — I hope you are well — I slept well and feel first rate. I expect to leave here to-morrow for Pensacola I am getting on well — It is a bright and beautiful day and I am going up town to see what is to be seen — I think we will be back in two months. Our Company excites much comment — and has quite a reputation — The Gov will not consent for us to be the guard of honor to Jeff Davis — the men are all well except McLeod and have behaved well here — I do not know that I will have an opportunity of writing again here — good by — my love to all the family from Carrie up also to Will and H. Henry and families. May Heaven's choicest blessings rest upon and guard and protect and cheer you is the prayer of Your own devoted

Hubert

P.S. We remain until Tuesday Morning are appointed the Escort of Jeff Davis Bill McIver is well tell his wife he will write to-morrow

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