Camp near Corinth Miss
April 25th 1862

My own Dearest Wife

Your letter of the 8th just reached me to-day - my heart bled darling while reading it, for I know what must have been your feelings - I have felt all the while a great deal for you - but this letter made me feel if any thing worse than ever before - as I wrote you dearest I tried frequently and for a week to send you a dispatch but could not - I hoped that my letters might ~~reach~~ reach you soon or that you would see some thing in the papers that would relieve your anxiety - surely long before this you have heard - Dick Ary mailed a letter for me to you on the 8th & one on the 9th - and mine ought to have gone the 10th or 11th - Your letter has been so long coming that I am afraid you have suffered by the interruption of the mails - Perhaps the Yankees got some of my letters when they took Huntsville - I sometimes think they did - I hope darling you are well and that you all are well - In your anxiety my darling you even forgot to tele me of

of our darling boy. This fact is of itself enough to show how great and earnest was your solicitude. Yes Darling the battle is over and I am safe thank Heaven - and as I wrote in a former letter I feel that your prayers for my safety were answered. Oh! Darling you do not know how much I feel indebted to you. Dearest while sick at the Hospital I thought over many things and I felt I had great reason to be thankful and I hope and pray and shall try for the future to be a better man. May God help me to be. Well I will write of other things. We have had transferred to our company forty men from an artillery company that was broken up for inefficiency of its officers. We remove after a short time. I am very glad we have them. DuBary is still sick in Mobile. Hulse is sick and a good many other men - some of whom I fear will never get well. What do think I did to-day. I took two men and started in the country to find something to eat. I rode for several miles - but could find nobody willing to sell me a chicken or any thing at all. At last I met a wagon which had only

eggs - I had despaired of finding any thing - I bought from the wagon forty-three dozen eggs - and would have taken all the man had over a hundred dozen - but had no way to take them into Camp - I paid 33 1/3 cts a dozen for them - I have eaten nearly a dozen to-day - of course I divided with the company as well as I could - but I kept about fifteen dozen for my own mess - If I could only have found some butter I would have lived like a lord for a few days - I have a great appetite since I got well - I suppose from what you write that Clarks Company has gone - where did it go to? and did Henry go with it - I would like to meet him and think it likely I will - I am glad I was not there I have had too much already of such scenes - I believe I had rather go through a battle - our Company is getting straight again - the weather is fine now - to-day ~~as~~ fine as you ever saw - I wish you could have been with me in my ride - My way was through woods and across streams the whole distance - I felt like I would have given any thing for your company - in fact

I got to castle-building and thought of ever so many fine things we could do when this war was over - oh! how many are there who like me are forming plans for the future - when the war is over - I believe still that it will last a long time - through the whole of Lincoln's term perhaps - three years longer - It may not and I hope will not most ardently and sincerely - well Darling every one in camp is abed - I alone am up - I intended writing to you yesterday but as I forgot to mail Mollie's & the girls letter I concluded to postpone it until to-day - Many of our officers are resigning since the fight - I do not like the indication Many a man has found out that he could not stand the service on account of health since the fight who to all appearances at least were perfectly healthy before the fight - I tell you my Love they had enough of battles - I know very little of what is going on here - I believe part of Van Dorn's & Price's army is here but I know nothing except by mere rumor Beauregard rode past our battery this evening - the first time I have seen him since the fight - He is very gray - well Darling my Love to all - Tell Maria if Henry has gone to cheer up Thorne we'll all be back after awhile - Miss our boy for me - Tell Ma I want to write her a long letter - but must wait until I get something of news interest to write - I have exhausted Shiloh - Goodby Darling many kisses & much love to you & the boy Forever your own husband who loves you better & better every day - Hubert