

Barrancas Florida

August 14, 1861

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hard to get in Virginia. Some effort is being  
made here to make Pugh a Brigadier General  
I do not know how it will succeed. This  
is private and confidential. Well Dear  
I must close. Give my love to all the  
family. Write me as often as you can  
I will write to some of the girls in a few  
days. I must get a Sergeant (Major in  
place of Maccom - I am very busy now.  
Kiss the boy for his Papa. Tell him to grow  
fast. and be a good boy and love his Steada  
Well Darling I am in my tent very warm  
and the fleas are troublesome. So  
good by. Oh. You are such a sweet wife  
you never told me that dream. I  
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arms last night. I felt how satisfied  
I felt - just as I have often felt when I  
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gether - He abandoned the idea of leaving here at my instance in order to see what I could do for him - About Joe Butt I am surprised that he should permit his own paper to publish such a falsehood as that he was A A A Genl in place of Wood It is all a no such a thing - As Cochran would express it he is in the meat business He has been detailed on special duty in the Commissary's department and instead of being A A A Genl he is engaged in weighing out pork, flour, beans &c &c for the different Regiments - I wonder if he will not correct it - Bullock is in Bragg's staff and is Judge Advocate of the army - Braggs legal military advisor, in reference to questions which are constantly arising - It is a good position plenty of work. You must not Dearest be too much prejudiced against Bullock about the way he acted in relation to the things sent him. Give him credit for what he is entitled to while you may condemn him for that part of his conduct. I must say that it was a piece of carelessness of which I did not think Bullock would be guilty. Things are looking

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