

Barrancas Florida

June 26<sup>th</sup> 1861

My Precious Darling

I received your long and interesting letter to-day marked to be sent by John McKee but brought by Capt. Clark. There has been some derangement in our mails here and Darling I have not written to you as often as I would. But Dearest you need not feel any uneasiness about me - If any thing happens you will know it. There has been a great commotion and stir here for the last Twenty-four hours. I do not know what will happen yet. It may be something or nothing. I have a sad piece of news. Alf Beal of our Company died to-day of congestion of the brain. He was taken sick last Friday. Poor fellow. He was insensible and has been so for some days. I did not know he was sick until yesterday. I went to see him this morning and never

saw a more pitiable sight - This hot sun is telling on our men There have been five deaths in the Regiment and the first occurred not more than two weeks ago - I am very particular with myself I tell you and go about in the sun as little as possible We had something like an alarm this morning about 10 or 11 o'clock. Gen. Walker has issued an order requiring all Companies to repair to their Batteries immediately upon the firing of any guns at Pickens This morning a salute was fired there and you never saw such running - There has been a salute fired there three days in succession - but the other two were fired on the ships and the order did not apply - Booz has an idea that the fight is going to come off. It makes very little impression on me because I have heard it so often - So Darling you need not be disappointed if I do not get off home between this and the 1<sup>st</sup> of July or a

little later - You know your old  
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Well Darling Mr. McHair will tell  
all about affairs down here and  
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my precious Darling to go down and  
arrange my office. You make  
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I hope this war will end some  
of these days and that I will  
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I received a letter from home  
(Mo-d) to day written the 15<sup>th</sup> Inst  
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of excitement there. Dr. Snook  
you remember him was raising  
a company to go to Virginia. George  
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