

New Kent Court House
New Kent County Virginia May 21st 1862

Dear Bella

I write these few lines to inform you that i am in good health and i hope that you and the Children are in the same way i was taken away from the Regiment last Thursday and i am at the Court House of New Kent County this Court House is made to a Hospital and i was sent here to assist as a nurse for the sick Soldiers i cant send this letter to you till i will leave here my Regiment is a head ten or fifteen miles i think i shall leave here before long there are hundred and thousands of Soldiers are sent home discharged because of sickness i recd two newspapers from you last Saturday i dont want you to send me any more papers we have the news here as soon as you have it there and there is no use for you to go to trouble your self with papers i have no very particulars to send but we expect to have a big fight before long the news is hear this morning that Richmond is taken and North Carolina is joint the union and call her troops home if the news is true we shall be home soon i wish i was at home i am tired of this hard life there no one knows what a Soldiers has to suffer if i had not been here and healthy i would been in my Grave long a go John Galouge is in the Hospital this long a go i dont know what became of Web Warner i never seen him since i am very daisy i had to throwge one of my shirts off ^{day} yesterday because of the dam lice i have two new Clean Shirts that i will wear after i will leave the Hospital there are men coming hear that is rotten and stinking with the Bowel Complaint

i have no place to write these few lines only out side
of the hospital dont be uneasy about me i will get
along as well as any in the Regiment without thanks
to our Captain if i will escape this big fight i think
i may get home safe i will stop writing at present i would
like to see my little Blue Eye Baby trying to walk and how does
Elie like school at home i will bring her a little scissors
when i come home or i may find her one my love to
All tis very windy i cant write your Affectionate Husband
till Death my noble wife good Bye

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