Washington, D.C.
Dec 10, 1862

Dear Benning,

I left home the 24th of last for my plantation in New York with little return until after the 1st. Jan. I therefore did not receive your letter until then. Since my vacation I have only been able to answer the most urgent letters requiring but a few minutes; but would have answered sooner if an assurance was given of an appearance of it concurred the house of my command except for the order that I wished to hear from Genl. Wright. I can only say to you that Genl. Wright is wholly mistaken in every thing he says about our brigade, but from the general tone of his letter the offer that he has, whole brigade made to come under my command at Fredricksburg. I am satisfied that it was purely conscientious that he had no power to depurate it, but if your blessing, I mean to trust it right if it shall be done as long as I live. I am content to leave you my letter at Frederick.

Therefore I shall go to Augusta next Monday (would have gone last Monday but for the great excitement) to make it all right. I never thought Wright’s letter until you sent it back to me, it is written with great care to the brigade should be taken. There were besides (which below are only) when Wright told me were the might have mistaken quite different. They were not other.
but Wright had used all up for about his own crew.

It did not slow down much, it fell back
to the identical appearance in which he drove
along French or be went in. Reach was in
good condition, its command. He didn't look to
quit excepting their command. Wright

Never tore a man of the Brigade but there

rifted the company that went in with them.

He actually, my feeling the command I know
he, I will not let it muck up just the plain
I left Reach to simply express my right to
command. But he just went on from any long,
but I do not think he did so a minute sooner

than he was bound to do by a good officer.

But to make a long story short, I will make it all

right at one way or another. And that I did. I like to

ask you keep write. Each time this knife come

ley the plume up a short leg it they broke the life

already. I saw the Bennett. I'm sure, the way

with I took this money. My wife is by herself.

I am so trouble not able to do any thing. Don't

thank I can keep any long as I can. I would have

me come to up an early ship from you

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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