Petersburgh Monday Aug 19th 61

My Dear Wife,

With pleasure I answer the present, as being the first good opportunity of writing. We arrived here Saturday evening about 9 o'clock, all well. We had very good luck as not one person of those crippled or hurt. We are encamped in the fairground, one of the most beautiful places that you ever saw. Plenty of space room & stable room.

The grounds are all enclosed and a large fine spring in the enclosure we have met with nothing but kindness. Since he left home. The 1st of August held a nice supper prepared for us. On arrival there were served by Columbia S.C. and Lenoir & Raleigh N.C. The people are very kind & good to us here. They sent us a basket of vegetables & melons yesterday due to them having cooked up for us. It would be nice you go to Josh & dine with us. The Rev. Mr. Brady
Father of the House—R. H. Prior preached in our encampment yesterday, a great many ladies & gentlemen were out. Mr. Prior is a Presbyterian and a very able man indeed. I had an introduction to several ladies & gentlemen had a nice bouquet present and yesterday by a lady. I had an invitation to take tea but last evening I declined and the lady sent me a little bundle of goodies. So far our trip is more like that of a picnic party than anything else. We started all this way through by a special or extra train for the passenger cars our company have the praise of being the most quiet set of men that has passed over the road. We have yet got to encumber the steers realities of the soldiers life. I would like very much the we could remain here until we are called out to meet the enemy it is 32 Miles from this to Richmond we shall go by land from this to Richmond.
I am in fine health, have not been sick since I left home. Than I would be double the same time at home. I think I shall weigh 145 or 50. Soon I weighed 135. When I left home. I can't tell how long we shall remain here. Direct your letters to Richmond. We have had one case of mumps a black boy. I am afraid that it will go through our men. Mother or some of you were telling some time ago that you were out the Mumps when you leave give me the same day I will write you again from Richmond. The first good opportunity you must have good plenty with all of the children taken on one plant to send to me. I can't write the boy keeps such a talking my Lord to you all without calling names tell that Caroline I always to write to me. Tell all the things I forgot to write this receipt but will do so. I send it to her tell Millard Parker they must not forget papa.

Your Affectionate Husband
Inclined is a song of my background
Aug. 25th, 1861

Camp Cobb, P.O. Richmond

My Dear: I again seat myself to write you a few lines. We came over from Petersburg on Friday, arrived here about 2 o’clock, had a very pleasant ride from Petersburg to Richmond. I have not been out of the encampment since we arrived here; our company were mustered into service yesterday. So I now belong to the Southern Confederacy. We had preaching in our encampment again today, a very good sermon, but not as good as last Sunday. We have entered upon the duties of a soldier’s life, taken up our abode in the soldiers’ houses (tents) men loted off in messes of 10 each, may doing his own cooking. We get plenty to eat, bacon beef, flour, meal, coffee & sugar. The commissary officers have to board themselves & the Government allows us so much for board. We are giving Ginger send to the market every day & get what we want. Henry’s Regiment has left here gone up about Manassas some where when I get their destination I will write him.
and forwarded the letters. I suppose Henry wrote to some of you when he left.
Here. If so you will let me know when he is. Judge Eggleston was at our camp yes-
terday. He is staying here with Dr. Smith. He says Dr. Smith is mending; road cut
yesterday for the first time. The whole country is covered with tents, around
Richmond, we are informed. There are between 15,000 and 25,000 men here. I
can't tell how long we shall remain here. But I presume from 3 to 4 weeks.
We had Capt. Wash Ford & Lewis Farr to dinner with us to day. Atlanta is well
represented here at present. J. W. Davis is also here. Mr. Carter, Allerts, Brothin, who
is in our Co. leaves him to-morrow morning for Atlanta. He came from Atlanta with us
and has been up to Manassas to see his
Bro. He is on his way back. Some of our men went out yesterday to visit the hospitals & to see
the Federal prisoners. They say some of them
are very persistent, & others very resigned.
Between 1500 & 2000 of them are said to be here,
& they are bringing it thinner in all the
time. I think I shall make a visit
around to see the sights in a few days.
Cheery Beavers from Chattanooga & Carter.
Doris have been in my tent since I commenced my letter. I have just this minute stopped out.

Laster is on his way to Manassa to see his boy. Charles N.B. is attending the Hospital there. He is in fair health. I am a fine looking fellow. Laster has promised to stay with us to-night. We shall miss our Petersburg friends very much. We left them very reluctantly. If the peaches are not all gone, I wish you could send Mrs. W. D. Green a small set of a half bushel or so of nice peaches. You should buy the box and place it in a little hamper. A basket is a very nice thing to send them by. We use a piece of cloth over the top of it. If you send it don't pay the express charges. If you send it you should write Mrs. D. Green a note which you will send by mail thanking her and Miss Green and Mrs. Millerby who is a daughter of Mrs. D. Green for their kindness shown towards me while in Petersburg. Matheous or Mr. Wilson might bring you a half bushel of nice peaches on the street. They are very high & scarce in this country. Capt. Delaney's Company is camped within 50 steps of our Company. Mr. Pryor left 2 Timothy 4:7, 8.
The text today was in Malachi's chapter 2 last verse! I read your letter again today and could help from anyone you must take your picture with the 3 children the first opportunity I send to me. I must close and Carter wants to go into the city this evening. My love to you all.

Yours ever affectionately
S. C. 18
My Dearest Dear

I begin to day your letter from 18th 24th Aug. You can not imagine how glad I was to receive it, & to learn that you were all well. You said something about Saturday, this Friday, two letters that I have not. I wrote you a letter last Sunday but you will not receive it before you receive this. As to Easter I did not get off. Meeting with Col. Butler, Mr. Butler. Spent last night with us. & Larkin. David spent Sunday night with us. It looks almost like Atlanta. I got to Richmond. Mr. Haskell was out & spent Sunday evening with us. I went out yesterday to see if I could see or hear anything of the sick. But many of the campbells boys they kept here yesterday. Was at week ago. From this best information that
I went to the place where they were in camp. While there, Dr. J. B. West moreland and I went out together. The Dr. got a letter yesterday from Jep.ToString saying that Billy Butts was sick but we could not find him. I. G. Green says that Billy was in constant when the company left Dr. G. close, having been arrested about some little misunderstanding but was afterward released as appeared, his Co. had gone some when near Kemper, the doctor and I went down in the last sight seeing visited the Federal prisoners. There are a number of them in Catesville like to eat up the country. We went that they were all in the lot. The color soldier like Jackson's attire but appear by any themselves also went to see Dr. Smith yesterday his wife Judge Bonds son with him. He or she I don't think that he will ever get well. He looks...
to welcome our noble Noble is now standing in front of my tent. He has cut off his hair, which makes him look very strange. He is going to take tea with us to night.

Your Affec.

[Signature]

Husband
Camp Cold Spring

My Dear Wife,

I embrace this opportunity to write you a few lines. I came in early this evening from drill and found Col. W. V. Davis in our camp. He is going to take tea with us this evening before he returns to the city. Col. Davis is on just way beyond leave to-night. I had but a few minutes to write, but I thought that I could not let this opportunity pass without giving you a line. I am sorry I have not time to write more. I had to insist on coming with Col. Davis talking over with us his plan of returning him to the city after ten. We have had but one letter from you, which I answered by Mr. Butler, but I hope to get a mother in a few days. I have not
been out of the encampment since I wrote to you no one has drilled & didn't get written in to beer about. We don't know how soon we may have to leave here and we want to prepare ourselves for the battlefield the Yankees are extending their line I see from my depot paper that they have taken a small fort on the coast of N C. Well you want to know we are getting along well and getting along fine plenty of east for muskets and horses our horses look better than the day when we left home. I am very proud of my men they are a model Co & have seen the praise when ever we have been the most Petersburgh very much yet I have no right to complain considering the no of soldiers here
now & then that have been known yet the Lady honor as with them present occasionly get fancy went to the bath in obedience I had to drill several more present to see us drill & among them was my Ball drunk I also had some friends present well I must close & carry Mr. Waithman down to the boat it is now after 8 o'clock I am well & sure & there any all afe & I hope this will find you all well my love to my love the kind & family yours ever H. W.
Capt. J. H. Rice
York Town
Virginia.

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