

Camp nr Stafford Courthouse March 9th/63

My darling wife;

Your good letter datted the 1st came to hand last night I was very glad to get it you can bett. As I want this letter to go to-day I shall not have time to write much but if you will excuse me this time I will try to better next time. I know you would like to talk to me, darling, and I would like to talk with you too, but as we cannot talk with each other face to face we are not deprived of the privelage of writing to each other. I think I might have got a furlough if I had tried but I thought it wouldnt pay to pay out \$25 for so short a time as 10 days. I would like to have you go to Maryanns the day after you get this letter. Maryanns father has got his furlough made out he is waiting to get it signed, and then he will go he probably will be at home by the time you get this letter. I have recived two letters from Ed and Jane they said they had not heard from you but as soon as they could get round to it they was going to see you. I wrote one letter to Jim and have not recived any answer from it I have wrote one to Cap and one to Et which I have not recived any answer from. Our Capt. has got back he came and shook hands with all the men in the company he acts very kind and oblidging he seems to be quite a different man now than he was when he went away. Well Dele when you go to see Uncle Williams he will give you an over-coat that will keep you warm. Our box finily made its appearance into this camp the things kept good but very little spoilt I was very glad to get the butter and berries and when I come home I will kiss you twice for it Sam & Mr Williams and his boys had cakes and such things we divided with each other. the money you left to Cap for father belongs to Maryann she paid the expenses it was \$1.07 for me you needent pay any more debts till I let you know. we expect our pay sometime this month. the Paymaster is paying of(f) the Reg'ts here now there is 4 months pay due us how much we shall get is to be known. Now Dele be a good girl and when I come home we will go to keeping house again. We draw a ration of whisky sometimes. I have sold mine to the Dutchmen several times they are willing to pay a good price. Rebecca Whitcome had a little pity on us and sent us a can of preserves. My time has expired and I must close my letter and put it in the office, so good bye darling write as often as you (can) from your own darling Husband Isaac Bryant

George saw Capt Nelson to Randolph and had a long talk with him