

Near Petersburg Va.

July 13th /64

My Dear wife.

Your letter of the 4th inst. arrived this morning. I am very sorry to find that I have writt^{en} any thing that ^{has given} you any unpleasant feeling. I had forgotte^d all about the letter, that you refer to, and should never thought of it again if you had not mentione^d it. I am very sorry that I wrote what I did, and hope you will forgive me for it. I felt all "out of sorts" when it was writteⁿ. That is the only excuse, which is a very poor one, for saying that which would giveⁿ my darling little ~~over~~ when it was writteⁿ. That is the only excuse, which is a very

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Now darling, I wish you to believe
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I was weighed this morning, and weighed 156 lbs. which is the lightest I have been since I was sixteen years old. And I have been in good health all of the time. There is a chance, now, to buy fresh vegetables, of which we are in great need, but they are rather expensive, so the money you sent is quite a favor. The pictures I sent, I find you do not get a right impression of any more than any one does of miniatures.

St. Jewett is the best looking of any of them. Col. Bells. does not flatter, though, when your father saw him, he was not looking as well as usual, on account of sickness. He is rather careless flatter, though, when your father saw him, he was not looking

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But I will not write any more
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