

Camp near Falmouth Va Jan 2th 1863

Dear Wife and Boys

I guess it is the best thing I can do to spend a little time in writing to you as I have a few moments time to myself I am well at present^{no} and tough as a bare you know my common weight was 165 lbs when at home but I now weigh 185 and still gaining so you see I am doing pretty well in that respect at any rate we are here in the same place we were when I last wrote to you and I know not but we shall stay here some time yet the prospect is fair for it at present we think we shall get our pay now in a few days at most but we can't tell until we get it in our hand and hardly then but we hope for the best and that is all we can do but you shall have it as soon as possible for I suppose you need it very much and if I do not get it soon I will get you some in some other way if I can and I guess I can in some way I low artist I want you to write as soon as you get this and let me know how you get along and if the Doctor has said or done any thing more about the house if he says any thing more about it tell him that you will write to me about it and do as I say be it what it may and then let me know what he says and I will write to him myself and see what affect that will have on him I guess I can stop him till the first of Apr if not I will expose him in a publick manner at least and see what that will do.

but I must close for want of time
now write as soon as you get this for I
hav not herd from you in a long time
and am getting quite uneasy about it
~~do~~ good by for this time

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A J Arnold, to his own
Dear Nady,

Well Erin how do you do and how do
you like your school and how do you get
along with the chory this winter and be
you a good boy to your Dear mother
if you are a good boy your mother will
let me know and I shal be as proud
of you as I can be I will send you
Denny a picture for you to look at
and you must not quarrel over it
nor have any fus and maby I can git
somthing more to send by & by but
you must write to me in the next
letter that your mother to me but I
must stop good by to Erin A Arnold
from his Father