

March 9 1863
Stafford Court House

Dear wife

you will pardon me for not writing to you sooner when I tel you that I have ben very sick for the last two weeks It has went pretty hard with me this pull but I am better now my complaint is the durty hurey or in other words the virginia quick step the doctor would not let me write before I have not sufferd for the want of suitable food for a good menney of the boys have got boxses lately and they have ben very kind to me Harris Lamb has ben home on a furlow since you left home he was gon ten days thare is more going in the morning but none to Portville I believe How the days and hours have passed with me since I have ben sick you may judge It has ben very loneley here without you but thare is no use of talking about it let us hope for the best

I am looking for another letter from you I think I shal get it to night I hope so I am in hopes that we shal get some pay before long so that I can send you some but I cannot tel how that will be

[Unidentified fragment, possibly ending of March 9, 1863 letter]

this makes my head ache that I shal have to stop I will write again soon give my
love to all and kiss babies for me

yours truely

A H