

Lookout Valley April 21, 1864

My Dearest Lis,

I wrote you two or three days ago that I was suffering from miasmatic, periodic hemi-crania.- I am some better now than when I wrote, but I am terribly afflicted yet.

Every day about 9 o'clock A.M. a sharp pain commences above my right eye - through the eyeball and down my cheek to the teeth - and by 10 o'clock it is most excruciating - much more than the severest toothache - about noon it begins to ease away a little about my eye & side of the face and taking (?) the whole right side of my head and makes me almost crazy until 4 O'clock. Then, where it passes off entirely until the next day when it goes through the same interesting programme - The two days past it has not been quite as severe - I am in hopes it will pass away in three or four days.

It is entirely true that the money I have ^{saved} earned since here has been honestly earned - if a faithful, assiduos (?) discharge of duties - through toil and hunger & cold - & exile from family & home, can earn money honestly - and if to save money through the most rigid economy is right, I have the ~~most~~ satisfaction of knowing that I have the most absolute right to all that I have saved - Yet I told Woodruff what he said to you about that matter - I do not desire to act as if the money I had was acquired dishonestly - neither do I desire to advertise to every body the entire condition of my private, personal matters - It does not

concern the public in the least - and if we live "quiet and private lives" and pay for what we eat, drink, & wear I think it will be all right- I have been striving all my life to lay up a little means, yet I have not been able to do so until I came here - It is a fact that I have saved more & have more to show for my services for the past 19 months than for all the rest of my life !!! -- And if everybody knew it - mean ~~xxxx~~ spirits at home would bruit it about & say this was a political war and the Republicans were coining money out of it - & would point to me as a leading Rep. in local matters & would ring the charges (or changes) on my past Success or want of success, and would say VanAernam made - of course they would swell the amt by \$3000 in less than 2 years ! You see the point ? - I think I shall be home before the half term expires of Dora's School - Yet should I not, and should you have to pay a little higher for her board, I think I would let her stay the whole term - With Love & Kisses for self & children

your affectionate Henry

PS. Tell Charley I will make his trinkets as soon as I am well enough to do so.