

Brad Sts. 10<sup>th</sup> W. Regt.  
White Ford Md. Sabbath eve  
Jan<sup>y</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 1863

My own darling wife

Last night's mail did not disappoint me - two of your precious letters came at once - one dated 4<sup>th</sup> and one 7<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> - and my darling one, what a relief they were to me, to hear my "pups" were both considered out of danger. And Charley too, I was getting worried about him, but I see he is better - It did not seem possible that God could cause you to mourn the loss of a "dear one" so soon again, but I am glad to hear that however much He may afflict you, still He gives you strength to bear it all. Do not borrow trouble about using so much money - use all you want, I send you Ten dollars as "New Years gift" - We have just been paid off for Sept. and Oct., and I have left what money I had to spare to the Sutter Gro Skiff (but it is a secret) My expenses have been very heavy too, but I think by good management I shall be able to pay all my "board bills," "clothing bills," "Sext. bills," buy two horses and saddles, and everything up to the first of Jan<sup>y</sup> and send home when they pay me all I get for the months of Nov. and Dec., about three hundred dollars, so that I can begin the new year with that on hand and out of debt. Give my little Mollie all the milk she can drink if it costs five dollars a week instead of one. I do not think that is very bad, a dollar a week for milk - why I paid my board bill to day for the time I was up at the Monocacy, about two