

Camp Washburn Aug 31st 1869

My dear wife,

I think ^{you} must have felt very bad not to have heard from me oftener last week, but with the work I had to do with the state of health I was in I had very little heart to write. Wednesday I was not really able to hold my head up - still I prescribed for more than 50 patients. When I got back I found the Hospital full and 54 on the sick list - today we have 5 in Hospital and 14 on sick list - a great falling off. My associate was very kind he worked hard to favor me - until Thursday then he was taken sick, very sick, & and I had to take the whole thing on my hands. We are