

Much different than what it is with you & friends,
Nov 3^d It is to come to day that it is really unprofitable

Camp at White Tail M^{ts} March 2^d 1863

My dear Wife,

I received your letter of Feb 26th
in the evening of the 28th. I feel bad to think
that you have been so many times disappointed
about my coming home, for you certainly cannot
want to see me more than I want to see you.

You told ~~me~~ Capt Bartlett saying that it was
no trouble to get a leave of absence if a proper
course was taken, the being favored with one
without any trouble does not follow that every
one will be so highly favored. Quite a number
of officers in our regiment have tried and
failed, myself among the rest. Success or fail-
ure depends upon how Gen Huntington hap-
pens to feel when the application is made.
Now there is no earthly reason why I cannot go
home so far as the good of the service is con-
cerned, but there is no ground
by such circumstances at all. I have made
another application for leave to go home, but I
have but very little hope of getting it. Yet if
I do not I shall feel very much disappointed.
I shall not know probably before the last of this