

White's Ford N.^o Apr 6th 1813.

My dear Wife.

I have just received your letter of Mar. 30th. I blame myself very much for saying anything about the dangers that were threatening us. I ought to have known that it would have troubled you. But I think your fears are quite justified before this. Let me say here that you must not feel so much alarm about me. Because a surgeon is not exposed to the dangers that other officers are. and if taken prisoner they are not considered prisoners of War. therefore are not detained or paroled. The only dangers we are liable to are chance shots. I think when I write all the next next time I shall look out and not alarm you again. We have had some very pleasant weather for a few days past. but to day - Oh my! The wind commenced blowing last evening from the north. and I must say that I never saw it blow so hard. and what was worse we could not have a fire in our tent. the wind blew the smoke all down the pipe. When I got up this morning the snow was 8 inches deep and snowing as hard as ever I saw it in Vermont. The storm has subsided but the wind has commenced blowing again. and shakes every thing in my tent so that it is difficult writing. You will