

Thursday
Washington D.C. Feb 4th 1864

My dear wife,

I have just arrived
after riding all night. I have
endured the journey very well, am
suffering some with a headache
which I suppose is caused by the
loss of sleep. The incidents of the
trip I will give you when I get
into camp. I have just seen
Skiff - and we are going to camp
together tomorrow. I shall have
lots of news to tell you. The weather
is very warm and beautiful. No
snow south of Springfield Mass.

Give my love to our dear children,
and accept a whole heart for your
dear self.

Yours ever
J. C. Rutherford

Have not seen George yet.