

Prandy Station Va

Sunday Mar 13th 1864

My dear wife,

I received yours of the 9th last night, acknowledging the receipt of the money. You ask why we were not paid in full? I do not know, we have to take such as they see fit to give us. The only satisfaction is that what is due is good. If I could borrow the money here I would, but we are all short, and I do not think it is your duty to deprive yourself of the necessary means of living to pay debts that can be paid at an easy day.

I am here doing my duty for our common country, and I think it rather hard if a little time cannot be given. Then I am obliged to give time to the government for my pay