

P.S. I shall not write again, as you will not get a letter if I write.

12th Vermont Regt -

Camp Vermont, New Alexandria

Dec. 7th 1862 Sat. Evening

My Dear Wife:

Your long expected letter came at last tonight, and it did my heart good to hear from you again. I began to be quite nervous I assure you. You know how patient a fellow I am & how well I can bear disappointment, so I have kept very quiet & have not written half my impatient feelings -

I am glad you are getting along so well with your teeth & in other respects. After your gums get healed up you will not suffer from Stomatitis. I hope you will look natural for I don't like to have you changed when I see you -

I wish I could be with you in Boston some time & I hope I can. You seem to think as much of pretty girls as I do, to judge by the interest with which you spoke of the picture of the Indian girl.

Who is the Gent. you talk of coming out with -

You must be careful to know the man, for I don't want you to be under the care of a man not a perfect gentleman in every respect. I am sorry to have you come with a stranger, but am willing to trust to your prudence.