

Head quarters "Col Wemyss detachment,"
Camp Jewett, Monocacy Md
Sunday eve, Dec 28th 1862

My Darling wife

I have got to write you this quiet Sabbath eve without having heard a word from home for the last ten days. In moving up here we have missed our mail some way and it has not got around yet. I expect to get a whole handful of letters when it does come. I have got three companies here, and am guarding "Hauling ford" north of the Monocacy river. We have got a splendid place to camp - plenty of good dry wood good fresh water, and good nice stones to build fireplaces with. I have got my tent fixed up nicely now - with a good floor and am comfortable. I have got a private from Co "A" Johnny Cole of Walden Vt for a fewt, now, and he is first rate - takes good care of my things - Col Jewett is three miles below me at Whites Ford with four companies and Maj Chandler is two miles below him with three cos, - Co "B" is with him so I have not seen them since last Monday, but I hear they are all doing well - Sgt, Abbott is doing better, and