

"Camp Jewett" Monroeville Md
Sunday eve, Jan'y 4th 1863

My blessed darling wife

Yours of the 25th came
by last mail, and I see that the "little ones"
are spared up to that time, and if I could
only know that they are alive and spared to
us this evening, I should think they were not
going to be taken from us now, but the "Lords"
will be done. — You know my motto is "do
not borrow trouble." and I must not be the first
to break it. We are all about as when I wrote
you last with this exception, we are not
quite so sure of being disturbed by Rebels
as we were — we have heard that they have
gone back onto the main body below where
they fought last, with the exception of a
few roving bands. — They got some started
at Col Jewett's head quarters yesterday, at
"White's Ford" — the word came that the Rebel
Cavalry were crossing the river — immediately
the "long roll" beat; all hands turned out