

Head Quarters 10<sup>th</sup> Vt

Camp McIntzelman Md

Sunday Evn May 31<sup>st</sup> 1863

My Darling wife

Yours of the 23<sup>rd</sup> was recd., all right, and I was right when I wrote you that "not receiving a letter was a good sign" for it seems our "little feet" was still alive.

Oh! how the dear little one must suffer, and how you all must suffer in watching him so long, but if he will only live and get well I know very well you will not mind the long weary days and nights you spend in taking care of him - Darling don't run yourself down so and tell how poor and black you are getting - a few days ride on horse back, when he gets well, will fetch the color back to your cheeks again, and you will not be ashamed of your looks, and I know very well I shall not be ashamed of you - I wrote you some time ago I think about Sergt. Davis wife being here in camp,

I also send a paper I recd. from Sam J. - and as there was a piece in it that was so much like me I thought I would send it to you -