

Head Quarters 10<sup>th</sup> A  
Camp in the field near Bealton  
Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 1863

My Darling wife

My boy Johnny  
brought me down your good  
letter of the 26<sup>th</sup> while I was on  
Pickens yesterday, & Oh! how glad  
I was to hear you had such a  
good long horseback ride, and  
how I did wish I could have  
been with you. How nice it  
must be to see little Ferdie crawling  
over the floor, and getting to be  
a nice big healthy boy, & does he  
appear to be injured any by  
having fits? I mean his intellect  
as a matter of course his  
constitution has been affected  
but he can outgrow that in  
time, if his head is all right