

Head Quarters 10<sup>th</sup> St Wts }  
Whites Ford Apr 10<sup>th</sup> 1863 }

My dear wife,

I received yours dated 4<sup>th</sup> inst about 12 o'clock last night - I was asleep when it came but I read it, with a mingled feeling of pleasure and pain. It gave me pleasure to learn that you were all so well - and a good deal of pain to hear that you have so many things to trouble you. It is so strange that some people have so little regard for the feelings of others than they expect so much regard for their own - But I hope the time is not far distant when you will be able to remove from these annoying and vexatious trials. You ask me what you shall do if the house is not finished at the close of the year? I do not know of any other way than to hire a couple of rooms for a short time - I know it will be somewhat cramped but it will be better to do so than to ask any favors of those you are now living with - You seem to think that it will be impossible for Boyington to get the house done by the time specified - There will be an advantage in that provided you can manage to live without it a little while - as the Government pay Masters are very slow in paying us off, we have not yet been paid the last instalment, yet we are promised it every week. I tell you we are