

Brandy Station Feb 19th 1864

My dear Wife:-

I have just rec^d

Yours of the 15th. I was sorry to learn of Joseph's illness and glad to learn that it was nothing serious.

I guess it would make a big dark spot in our household to lose the little fellow - or any of the rest of our dear little ones. You did just right to call in aid to the little fellow. Never hesitate to call the Dr. I am sure you think you need him.

I am sorry you feel so much uneasiness about my not being able to endure the fatigue of camp life. My health has improved so much that I can