

Camp Griffin Jersey 9th 1862
My Sweet Wife -

I just rec'd yr letters with the dress patterns, very handsome both of them. Am glad to hear you are well again. I am - Our court Marshall is dissolved, Genl. Braman is going to Florida. We went out on a foraging & scouting expedition Tuesday & tried to provoke a fight but failed. I shall have to go on to picket duty again now.

It is rather hard business in winter, have to be out all night. I wish I could go home a few weeks. Give my regards to Mrs. Donforth.

It is very warm & pleasant. We expect to move somewhere before a great while. If we don't I shall try for a leave of absence. I would have you come out here if I were sure I could not come home. I see they are trying in Congress to cut down