

West Jess 16th or 17th -
Camp at Fairfax Sta. Va.
March 13th 1868

My Darling Wife -

It is very late so I shall not write much - have been writing business letters & feel tired - Got your letter to-day - & was glad - How shall you have if Dr. Spaulding is not there? When should the baby make his appearance? I never saw any one quite as proud as you - I'll bet it will be a girl - Please send me a picture with your new cloak on - Did you get that letter I wrote in Washington in pencil? Why dont you sell the Lib. if you can sell it well - I should have advised that at first but that Father wanted it kept - But I think it a very foolish thing for a man to try to controll property after his decease - I have always thought it would be better to sell the paper provided it could be well sold, which may be done after having established the fact that you can carry it on