

Camp Baker St. Chales Co.

February 13, 1862

Dear wife and children

I take this opportunity of writing a few loynes to ye hoping it might find ye in good health as this leaves me in at present thank be to God for his blessing and prosperity to us all

Dear wife

I did not main to writ this letter without sending some money to you for the Mayor did not come out here as yet. We expected him last week and he did not come yet so I thought I would write and let you now that I was in good health and only the trouble that is here at present I would get to the Express office and send you some but I hope before many days we shall be better able to do something for we have not time just now to even wash our shirts.

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Dear wife I mean to let you [know] that we are in the same camp. As yet we have crossed the River but we come back again and I suppose we will be hre now untill the ground get drier than it is at present so that we can pitch our tents. I suppose ye have herd of the blockade been broken up on the Potomac. It was broken on last Saturday and Sunday so the Rebbles are all out of lower Virginia and is gone back on Richmond and when there will come a fine week we will be on after them for the swooner the better before the hot weather gets in that who ever will be alive that the will be home before the hot weather sets in for a tis very hard on men to march in hot weather and have to drink bad water. There is more reports that the Rebbles is falling back on the Cotton States and there the calculate to mak a stand.

I hope we won't have to follow them.

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Dear wife remember me to Mary and Marthew and Margery and Johnny and I hope the will [be] good und quite and I hope that I will see them once more before I would go in to battle again. So good by Mary and Marthew and little Margery till I see ye again.

Give best respects to Martin and Mary and Ellon and Margaret Keegan and Mrs. Fey and husband and family and Andrew Lally and family and also Mr. Patrick Tarptry? and Family and Michael Tarptry? I hope the are all in good health as I wish them.

I main to conclude and say no more at present but

Remember your Husband

Michael Lally