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Office of Acting Assistance Quartermaster Supply Train
2nd Division 23rd Army Corps
Raleigh, North Carolina, *{Thursday}* April 20th 1865

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General *{William Tecumseh}* Sherman reviews the 23rd Army Corps tomorrow preparatory to starting and we camp on the north side of the city for the same purpose. You cannot imagine my feeling on the great hopes I have in soon seeing you. No boy felt better over any new thing. I can hardly do anything. I want to start tomorrow, yet I have considerable to do at my papers yet before I can go out of the service, and I am hurrying them up as fast as possible and will have everything completed if I am only allowed a few days time while I am here. Keep up good spirits and I will do the same. Give my respects to all and believe me, as ever,

Your Affectionate Husband,
D. D. Keeler

Mrs. S. M. Keeler
East Saginaw
Michigan

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