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February 3<sup>rd</sup> 1864

## Dear Wife,

Yesterday I received two letters from you and glad was I to hear that all is well at home. I am well as usual and have been with the exception of a slight cold of which I am better of now. I have been here three days in this city and have not done much but look at the city. I am now at the rooms of the Hon. *{Representative}* John F *{letcher}* Driggs, Member of Congress from Michigan. His son William is here with him. I do not know how long I shall remain here yet. All I know is that I get my train tomorrow.

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I am to have 90 wagons and ship them on board of transports and follow the corps of which one division left this morning. Our destination is not publicly known and I cannot say where we will stop. I can only guess but I am not positive. I think it is Wilmington, NC. I will not get away until the troops have gone, which they are doing as fast as transportation can be had. I stop in the city at the Metropolitan Hotel on Pennsylvania Avenue. As soon as I can get my train I shall stay with that and board myself. I can do no better now.

I am in somewhat of a hurry now as I have

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to report at headquarters for orders soon, so excuse this short letter and as soon as I can get a good chance I will write more. My respects to all and believe me. As ever.

Your Affectionate Husband,

D. D. Keeler

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