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Office of Acting Assistant Quartermaster Supply Train, 2nd Division 23 Army
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Salisbury, North Carolina, *{Sunday}* Jun 18th 1865

Dear Wife,

I have been looking for a letter from you several days, but have looked in vain; however, I shall not wait to answer any this time. I am well and have been all of the time and I hope soon to hear that you are. I expect you will be looking for me home soon and I hope you will not be disappointed.

I am happy to inform you that the 23rd Michigan Volunteer Infantry will soon be on their way home. They will be mustered out here this week and start at once for Detroit *{MI}* where they will be paid and receive their final discharge and disband.

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I am in good spirits and look forward with pleasure for the time I will find myself once more at home with you. I dreamt last night that I got home and saw you and Frankie and neither one of you recognized me at first and before I had finished my dream someone woke me up and it was nothing but a dream after all, but soon will the reality come and then I will be satisfied. It has been over two years since I saw you and if you have not

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changed any more than I have we will be the very same as before. I do not think I have changed in appearance any and I feel as young as ever. I may be a little lazy but I can get over that. I have got a fine horse I would like to bring home with me if I could bring it without costing too much. You could drive her with safety and she is as gentle as can be and as pretty as a picture, fat and sleek as a seal and the finest riding animal I ever rode. I hate to part with her but will have

to replenish my pockets with cash to get home with as I will not get paid until we get to Detroit and get paid on the muster out payroll. I wish I could bring home a few of my mules for I have some of the finest mules ever was grown and as gentle as kittens. They would make a buggy go. I have several very fine horses that are not ??? beat but belong to US like the mules. Today is Sunday and I intend to ride out a little ways in the country and return this evening. I get tired staying in camp all the time and as I have a general pass I use it whenever I want to.

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Remember me to all and reserve for yourself the best share of my regards.

I am as ever Your Affectionate Husband,

D. D. Keeler

Captain and Acting Assistant Quartermaster

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