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Quartermaster Office Supply Train, 2<sup>nd</sup> Division 23<sup>rd</sup> Army Corps  
Nashville, Tennessee, *{Wednesday}* November 23<sup>rd</sup> 1864

Dear Wife,

It is with pleasure that I now answer your kind and welcome letter that I received this morning. Glad I was to hear that you and Frankie were well, but sorry to learn that Sarah is in trouble. I wish I was there to take her part and yours. He would never kick another woman if he is my brother-in-law. If he has laid violent hand on you I will when I get home make him repent the day he ~~done~~ kicked her or you outdoors. If in my absence as a soldier you are abused I will make the guilty party repent or I am no man. Tell Sarah to let him go and when my time is out she shall not suffer as long as I can do anything. I will be a friend and a good one, too. I am now where I am unable to resent his bad actions, but I hope I will be able to some time.

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I am still at Nashville awaiting orders and in readiness to move to the front.

I would like to get away from here for it costs me nearly ten dollars a day to live here and I have been here nearly two weeks and consequently my funds are running low. I have only sixteen dollars left, but I can borrow some if necessary or sell one of my horses. I stop at the St. Cloud Hotel at this place as the weather has been rather cold and stormy and disagreeable in camp, so I have tried to enjoy comfortable quarters while I have had a chance as it is the first time I have stopped outside of camp since I have been in the army.

I have got me a new uniform and now I wear as good clothes as anybody. I saw Colone *{Oliver Lyman}* Spaulding this morning and he says that he has an adjutant's commission for me and wants me to accept of it if the present adjutant accepts of a captains commission. If I do I will only muster for the unexpired term of the regiment, which will not prolong my time a minute.

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At any rate you may rest assured that I will not do anything that will keep me away from you any longer than my original time. I would like to go home as well as you want me to and only for losing my present position I would have made the attempt. I know that you would rather I would retain it that to have me go home and go back to the regiment for duty which would surely be the case if I did. I know how glad you would be to see me and as my time is growing beautifully less now we must be patient and when I can I will stay. I have wrote for Frank my brother to come and clerk for me. I hope he will come. Be a good

girl and tell Sarah that to keep up good spirits and let Tip to to the devil if he wants to until I get home and I will straighten him or break his neck. He has got to behave himself and take care of her or he will hear from me and he will know me, too. Give my respects to Father & Mother and all other inquiring friends.

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I received a letter from O<sup>*{scar}*</sup> S. Davis with card of Mr. & Mrs. Davis.

I yesterday saw Lieutenant Truman Hawley of the 29<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry and Frank Van ??? or Banty Maynard.

Write soon and believe me. As ever

Your Affectionate Husband,

D. D. Keeler

P.S. How are Uncle Abe *{President Abraham Lincoln}* and where is little Mac *{General Geoge Brinton McClellan}*?

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