Camp near Milford St.
Feb 8th 1864.

A short note tonight, my dear one, that you may know I am still loving you and think of you and wish to be with you. This letter was due yesterday but I thought perhaps a day might bring me some near to tell you that would make my writing more interesting. The are still in our camp near Bowling Green and the past week have been quiet in camp except for a few orders to be ready to move at short notice. Which seems having done anything more than keep us in expectation all of the time. You will see by the papers the cause of this, i.e., the movements of the enemy.
Friday however while every thing was in order of preparations for the "Inspector Court of the Corps," who intended to look at us today, there came in an order to draw four days of hard bread because we were ready to march with all the effective men by ten o'clock. I had to supply the wants in this respect before I had time to get my breakfast, and away they went on a seven days scout toward Yorktown. Earl Hampton wants to encounter and capture some of the "Rebel" cable fleet and I did hear he gave orders that none should be captured. It would have gone but I have some bills on me that incapacitates me for a temper - I disliked you much to see my Co. go under the command of another.
I had your letter written at Summerville and was very glad to know
you were about on a short furlough
from your usual place of residence.
The news from the Lord's family
was highly interesting. I am pleased
at my little concert decision, to
hope she may soon regain her
health and, if, worthy of her that
Mr. E. may win her heart that
she may make him a happy &
loving wife, and not live to re-
gret anything in that line of bus-
iness as her sister has. I am
my truly sorry for cousin Brit and
for she will never marry.
I would like to have attended
this little party. Tell them
I often think of all of them from
the heads of the family to the
smallest. Love to them.
you need to an no fears about being to play "young lady" to me this winter for I see no chance of my getting home. I will agree to the arrangement however if by my coming I should give you any alarm. At the time my time fear" debilite me again to the condition I was last fall there will be no cause of fear and I will be willing to act as a passion less lover towards his most prurient sweetheart, love and admire but keep at a distance. How will you agree to the consent marriage of procuring entitled man and wife. It will be in no danger when you see me. I was glad to hear of Pats present to the and hope there may be a rationalisation. I was glad to hear of Pats good luck in making money. My little daughters are good girls I trust. Kiss the dear aunt fondly for father.