My dear wife,

I suppose you have been so anxious and uneasy since you have heard hearing of the fighting in front of this place. I would have written a letter but in the unsettled condition of things here there was no certainty that letters would go through. Before I suppose you would rightly infer from what I had previously written, that I would not be in the fight, our brigade having been ordered to remain here as a garrison for this town, one of which has been the case, during the three days fighting in front of us, which was not more than ten or twelve miles off. We remained here, gathering up stragglers who were fleeing back from our wounded, and a good many missing troops from our wounded. I am not anxious to be in the rear of any more battles. Here we were just flooded with all manner of rumors of disaster and defeat. Any stranger here would tremble to relate here how his regiment had been cut to pieces, the brigade, or division cut to pieces. We were in enemy not numbering us to one. Too, too. It was an event calculated to rouse my soul, we could not get no straight account, we were forced or could hear even the firing which appeared to be very heavy and continuous until during night when the General and his corps commanders came into town and to them the troops followed, some began to form their lines right around in front of the town. with a line look like an out two thousand troops, some cannon, and the artillery we were hurrying across the river, with our tents, citadels, and camp.
Strength is a great deal more frequently needed as the numbers get smaller, but in the present, of action, if there was probably an enemy in the front, I have you and feel felt, and been felt now said would be, where if you look taken for fear they could swing around our flanks and get in old Wayzgans continued to face back and held the place which he said in good order until the night. All is now safe, our troops arrived combined cannot take this place. I am one of the finest military officers in the whole country. We have as yet received no reconnaissances from any quarter. Parmenier is above us in East Texas, Sherman & Hurlbut are below us at Memphis, somewhere down there, we want you were there, but I suppose they may come at this leisure, the rebels are stretched along in our front on a ridge in full view of us, crossing the past two days they have not been to so, everything is quiet in front. It is the thing that all the rest not attempt to fight as long. Bragg understands too well the
Strength of our position to try it on. I suppose all manner of things
are about in the world about our defeat, but it must not be so romantic
in that light. Their loss is pitiful and wounded is certain much
greater than ours, and all poor prisoners we take say they
are ready for it. Longstreet's corps was here from Lee's army, the
flower of that army, we lost some 1000 men of those prisoners
they gave us enough of western troops they don't drive as easily
as the eastern, they say they got all the fighting they want for the
present. But at present we don't know yet you are very sat
isfactory account of things, we have been laying out in the clear money
for several camps and coffee are everything, affairs down, in a short time
probably we will get little done again, when I once write come and better
I have gotten some better of my coats but have lost considerable of sleep
and feel out of fix. I hope and its surroundings are and scenes of
health and mind. The weather has been so rain here for weeks. I have
been getting your letters pretty regular. The last was of the 12th. When
you read you were getting ready to go to Petersburg. I suppose you
would probably write again before leaving so you did not leave me
where to direct my letters to. I wrote direct to Sixt Bencubbee and
I hope you should be gone. It will probably be sent to where you are.
Your brother Dr. Lamberth to borrow some money we have our
money. I think it is good nature, I prefer doing that. Let us agree
in to concord, so you can let him have it for six months. Suppose
enough for present needs. I have been long
experience in rain weather almost missed so. I have no clothes now
but one suit to be done and will be compelled to get a suit
before long so no matter. I don't spend a dollar for anything that
I can possibly get along without. I must write off this hurricane and
unsatisfactory letter and promise to write again in a day or two
within frequently. I suspect you have not received all I have written
out for the present that you may know I am safe in the principal
coast of crime even loving and faithfully, Wm.