

to get into our hands the fact of the
that it is now to be done for my dear husband
back to my darling to write, & I would so soon
be about nothing so often to you that I almost
hope he may hear well - (Mother Langlois at one
time formerly informed with your two General
- who you are glad to hear that you

My dear husband,

Monday evening I went
down to the office and got a nice good long
letter from you - two sheets full - I do like to get
that kind nice sheet written all fine & close with
kind loving tender words - I felt so sorry for
you "poor thing" that you seemed to be rather
desponding, seemed to be looking on the dark side
of everything - cheer up darling - only six months
and a few days until you will be free once
more - subject to the orders of inferior, Superior
and longer - a great many think that we
shall have peace in a less time than even
that - too kind to tell - for it seems as Mrs. Bur-
land says that the Rebel leaders have been
given up by Satan as entirely ahead of him -
But we can ^{only} speculate about him and when
such & such things will come to pass - we can
not know much with certainty, I sometimes think

God will give us a glorious peace just in
his own time & way - perhaps just in a time
when everything looks most gloomy & dark.
It may burst upon us like sunshine from
behind a dark ominous looking cloud.

Mother says just tell Pa Lizzy is sitting
by the other side of the stand writing to him.
She is almost well again except some cold
yet - I am giving her a preparation of Iodine
that Dr. Hays prescribed for her bowels.
I hope she will soon be well and strong.
She is rather more amiable now than she
was last week - poor little darling -

I hardly know what to tell you about
Jim - you seem to be so very anxious that
we should have him go to some darkies
house - there are more in town that I suppose
could possibly take him - his cough is a very
great deal better - but he is no stronger except
that he seems to have more disposition to walk
around and visit the darkies, he is still a-
ble to walk on himself, I don't think he wants
to go anywhere else to stay - seems to think

he is a fixture here - Mrs. Thompson was up
the other evening & she advised us to send
him back to his own country with Dr. Stewart
we thought it a pretty good idea, thought may
be the trip and getting back to his climate
& people might do him good - Mother asked
him how he would like to go - expecting
surely to see a faint grin on his poor
dismal countenance - but was much as-
tonished when he muttered out - if I could go
with the Regiment I like well enough to go -
& I'd like to see my Mudder - but thousands
place for one dar' - spec my Mudder is
washing at some hospital - I could get no
med in dar' & so body & mind a sick
nigger - so we just had to abandon
that plan - so if he gets bed fast will just
have to hire some black person to come
& nurse him - I'd like to take my meals
away from home when it comes to that -
but I'll just have to grin and bear.
Charlie proposed to write to Captain Roseman
about Jim's brother coming to see him

But I suppose he had no idea of doing
so when he said it, he's such a gas tub
I'll write myself if Jim gets worse.
Some one said he was just as stupid as
Jim, & we thought we didn't any more
of the same sort here very bad leg -

When I wrote to Monday I told you a
bit having an offer for the house, I
went round Tuesday and made some
inquiries and found that it would be im-
possible to any where to go in to, As to boarding
Mother can't think of it - & I don't know where
we should board - & we'd have to stave away
our things - & then have no home for you
to come to next Sept^r or if you should get
sick in the meantime. Alex McCracken
advised me not to sell it at this time un-
less you were very anxious, said he thought
property would sell higher - I felt disappointed
but we have tried settle ourselves down until
you get home - My dear - isn't that best?
Clarko had a letter from Rose, she arrived safe-
ly in Oregon - much improved in health, & was mar-
ried in the 2nd Jan - are boarding - getting
along very nicely - was ever a novel more novel?
Mother is anxious about your cough - says she
wishes you have it all the time & that it will
settle on your lungs - if you don't get rid of it -
that scamp of a Dick said you had no cough -
I've not seen Capl Carlisle yet - have you any notion
of getting a bear like the others - When Lane
betwixt I wish you could avoid hearing his
empty curses - I can't express the contempt
I feel for such ignorantly profane Braggadoos
there are to many of them in our army -