

Camp near Richmond May 21 1862

Dear wife and children

I recd a letter the 19 of this month which gives me great pleasure of hering from ye being in good health which leaves me in good health at present, thanks be to God for his blessing to me. Dear wife I feel tired this morning fer I am on a march this last four days from Williamsborough on for Richmond. Now I main to let you now that we are within 10 mile of Richmond this morning and apart of our army is within 5 mile of the city on one side. We expected a battle her this morning but the enemy fell back. Our troops followded them up and took 40 wagons and 160 mules with all loaded with provision but in a day or two the will have to fight

and I hope to God that we will have the good look as gaining this battle and with the help of God I will get safe out of it. I main to let you now how goods rats here. Tea is 5 dollars per lb. Sugar 40 ct. p lb. Coffy can not be got here. Butter is 80 ct. a lb. Eggs 75 ct. per dz. There is plenty of vegatibles here now and the wheat is in blossom and all kinds of fruit is very forward. This place around Richmond is the finest place I ever seen for you could see nothing all round but fields of wheat and all others crops fer 20-30 miles along to Northfolk on the James River and the band of the river som 20 feet above the leavel of the water is one of the finust Rivers I ever seen, for ther is all kind of fish takin in it but we have not tim at present to go fish but we can by plenty from the Negroes

Dear wife I have not much to say at present. I am in very good health considering the rough times we have to undergo but with the help of God we will git over it in a short time and I wish it was this day. I send Mary one dollar in this letter to by her a pair of light shose for the 4 of July to go to the commons. Give my love to Mary and Marthew and I hope you don't cut Marthew hair for I want to see it long when I go hom. Not fergetting Margry or Johny you will remember to them which I hope I will see them once more.

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Remember me to the enquiring friends and Neabors.

No more at present but remain
your truly husband

Michael Lally

I hope you got that 15 dollars which I sent you and writ as soon as you can
and let me now.

There is one thing more I mean to let you know the 15 dollars which I have
alotted for you can not get it until the paymaster came to settle with us first
and after that in a day or two you will get it to home which we ought to get
that money before this.