

Camp Curtin Dec 26th 1861

My Dear Wife

Your kind letter of the 23rd inst was gladly received this morning & perused with a great deal of interest your letters are always welcome messengers & they always make me cheerful. Oh how I long to see you The Surgeon told me to day that my appointment to Hospital Steward was a shure thing, I may be able when that position is obtained to secure a situation for you where you could see your way as nurse if we should be so unfortunate as to be obliged to stay in Camp Curtin all winter Perhaps you had better go to Ohio & make your visits first & then come from Cleveland to Pittsburgh & from Pittsburgh to Harrisburgh if such a chance should turn up Use your own judgment in the matter I sent my valise by express to day to Allegany The key is tied to a string & slipped inside & the string attached to one of the buckles in the straps You can spring it enough to get it out