

My dear Aurelia it seems almost an age since I last saw you & pressed your cheeks upon my breast, it is almost two months we have been separated so long before since we were united in the holy bonds of wedlock. Oh that I had the wings of a dove how soon would I behold you again and our darling child I want to see her much.

I spent my New Year as I did my Christmas in my tent in camp not going out of the lines of the camp at all I have resolved to live nearer my God and to abound more with his grace than ever before. We have prayed every night in our tent before retiring thanking God for his goodness & many mercies to us through the day & asking his blessings & protection through the night.

I cannot tell when I can come home but will come at my earliest opportunity. I received a letter from Bro. Porter on New Years day & one from Adelbert

I think you had better get some restorative wine bitter formula.

- Compfrey Root 1/2 oz
- Spilledard 1/2 "
- Salomon's Seal 1/2 "
- Golden Seal 1/8 "
- Gentian 1/8 "
- Commons Cloves 1/8 "

Mix & pour with boiling water 1/2 Pint & then add when cool 1/4 pint of good Brandy. Take a table to two table spoonful 3 or 4 times a day also bathe your back with the following liniment

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| Tinct of Arnica | 3 oz | Soudanum | 2 oz |
| " " Camphir | 3 " | Squar Ammoniac | " |
| " " Guaiac | 2 " | " " " | " |

You will bathe your back once or twice a day until it gets well. I send you these prescriptions on a separate sheet you can send them to any druggist and have them compounded. It will make 1 qt of the bittes & 1 Pint of Liniment

We are having two or three days of cold weather altho it is clear but we have a cold raw wind blowing from the north last night was the coldest we have had this winter

I cannot tell how long we will stay here or when we will go when we leave we have until the 16th inst to fill up in and Col. Butler says that he will be full by that time The Band in Col. Lewis Regt played all night new ones our playing a requiem for the departed year and a for the new year

If you can get along until the 1st of March without more money I will send what I owe to Adelbert if you had not enough to make you comfortable I will send you some

I shall use none myself only for Postage & Washing only for expenses to see you which will cost me some 20 dollars Give my best wishes to Sister Sarah Bro. Burges & wife & all enquiring friends keep my love for your self and believe me your Affectionate Husband N. F. March

P.S. Write often & send as before until further orders, I will write as often as I get one from you to know where to send until you get to Chester when I will write twice a week again