

Camp Hamilton  
Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup> 1862

My Dear Wife

Boxes of the 30 ult gone duly at hand. and I assure you it gives me a great deal of comfort to read your letters. I did not get one written on Wednesday or Thursday if you sent it it was misdirected. The weather is warm and pleasant it is quite comfortable to sit in the shade. I received a letter from Edmund with your love, also one from A. H. yesterday & one from Holmes to day.

Yesterday there was a battle at Yorktown we were in hearing distance the cannonading commenced at about 8 or 9 in the morning and at 11 the enemy beat a retreat and our troops took possession of the town which is famous by being the place of the last battle of the Revolution when Cornwallis surrendered his large army at Yorktown to General Washington it brought us our Independence & peace was quickly restored. Would that the victory obtained by us yesterday might do the same. Our troops pursued the enemy and the firing was heard until late last evening. It is reported that we lost six hundred men killed & wounded. I see they have a Balloon filled at the fort ready to go up decomposing this afternoon. Oh how I wish you was here this is such a delightful country with fine sea breezes I think if Government would allow me I