

Camp Curtin Near Harrisburgh Pa  
January 3 1862

Dear Wife,

Your kind letter of the first inst came to hand this morning and was a welcome messenger altho I was sorry to hear that you are so unwell and that you had so much trouble on your journey. I wrote to you Saturday, Sunday and Monday and directed all to Allegany which I conclude you did not get before you left. We had a terrible time here on Sunday last and came very near being sent to Maryland without our officers knowing anything about it. Col. Murry of the 84th tried to steal this whole Regt and leave all of our officers out in the cold but he did not succeed. We are here still and bound to fill up. Col. Curtis immediately went to Washington and found that Col. Murry had been there and grossly misrepresented things. I think Col. Murry will be cashiered. Mr. Webster received a letter from home yesterday. Nelly Dart(?) is dead and Emma McCarter is very sick and is not expected to live.

My throat has been quite soar for 2 or 3 days but is nearly well now. Wednesday I was quite sick and thought that I might have Diptheria and went to doctoring(?) for it but am quite well today. We were mustered for pay last Tuesday and our three months pay is sure now before many days. I shall only draw privates pay for these 3 months which will amount to \$39.00.

My dear Aurelia it seems almost an age since I saw you and pressed your cheek upon my breast. It is almost two months we never was 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 New Years 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 prayer every night in our tent before retiring thanking God for his goodness and many mercies to us through the day and asking his blessing and protection through the night.

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

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

Comfrey Roat(?)	1/2 oz.
Spilunard	1/2 "
Salomans Seal	1/2 "
Golden Seal	1/8 "
Gentium	1/8 "
Cammomile(?) blowst(?)	1/8 "

Mix and ??? with boiling water ½ Pint and then add when cool 1 ½ pints of good Brandy. Take a table to two table spoonsful 3 or 4 times a day. Also bathe your back with the following linemant

Tinct of Arnica	3 oz	Loudanum	2 oz
“ “ Camphir	3 “	Seque Ammoniate	“
“ “ Guive(?)	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 1qt. of the bitters and 1 Pint if Linemant.

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 you how long we will stay here or where we will go when we leave. We have until the 16 inst to fill up in and Col. Curtis says that he will be full by that time. The Band in Col. Lewis Regt played all night New Years eve 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 draw to Adelbert if you have not enough to make you comfortable I will send you some.

I shall use some myself only for Postage and washing only for expenses to see you which will cost me some 20 dollars. Give my best wishes to sister Sarah[,] Bro. Burgess and wife and all enquiring friends. Keep my love for your self and believe me your

Affectionate Husband  
N.F. Marsh

P.S. Write often and 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 Almsted then I will write twice a week again.