

Adams Run April 30<sup>th</sup> 1864

Dear Leonora

No doubt you were much surprised on receiving a letter from me addressed to our dear parents dated on the 21<sup>st</sup> inst, which was the first day of <sup>Nov</sup>. We were all under the impression in camp that the first day of the festival was the 22<sup>d</sup> and if my memory serves me right I think that Ma wrote me that <sup>Nov</sup> was on the 22<sup>d</sup> inst. Jake was somewhat astonished on arriving in Charleston on Wednesday afternoon, to learn that that was the first <sup>Nov</sup> night. He purchased <sup>Nov</sup> sufficient to last us for the week. The coat is somewhat less than in Richmond, being but two dollars for pound. We are observing the festival in a truly orthodox style. On the first day we had a fine vegetable soup. It was made of a bunch of vegetables, which Jake brought from Charleston containing new onions, parley, carrots, turnips and a young cauliflower, also a pound and a half of fresh beef, the latter article sells for four dollars for pound in Charleston.

Jake & did not bring us any meat from home. He brought some of his own, instead meat, which he is sharing with us, he says that he supposes that Pa forgot to deliver it to him.

No news in this section at present. Troops from Florida are passing over the road enroute for Richmond. 'Tis probable that we will remain in this department, and were it not for the unhealthy season which is approaching, would be well satisfied to remain here.

We received this morning Sarah's letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> and are truly sorry to hear that her sight is affected, and trust that in a few days she ~~may~~ will have recovered entirely her perfect sight.

Love to all

Your affectionate Brother  
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