

Washed April 4th 64

Dear Belle

At last I am about fixed in my new quarters though I must say I have had a hard time doing it. I selected the residence of Dr. Holcomb now occupied by some Sallapa who has just taken possession of it. She is bitterly opposed to my quarters with her but I got her to understand that she had nothing further to look forward to but the occupation of a part of her settlement. My bed room is quite handsome & furnished and although I can't say I have any thing to complain of Mrs. Fuller has given me command of all she forces both on this and the other side of the river. I was here about 5000 men under my orders Jimmy gave a big Dinner to her Thomas last night. Of course I was on hand and made a speech which was much applauded. Mrs. Thomas has promised to use my appointment as Brigadier I hope it will come one of these days. Things don't look so nice as they did when

You left Mrs Laski is staying at the old
place and now occupies the dining
room My groceries here is no more can
motivated Howard Frank at his best keeps
guard over the property. Anna now is
looking superbly - she is the admiration
of every one poor Ann how glad her heart
would be could she have May 13 with
her this summer Tell her that I keep
broccoli only in trust and that the time
will come when she can send her some
more. Also Annas at Mrs Callagans
claiming relationship with a new Col
Takes the much be getting up when sent
tattoo labels as she comes down to that
The rebels were reported coming in before this
morning but its rumor proved false. All
the soldiers here have been determined to fight
under the black flag This since is a common
provision taken around Satler now I am
glad if it limits I would just as soon
fight that way as any other Suppose that by this
time you have made your arrangements for
now I send up to father the money I heard father
his brother paid the Fort Hope the price is a few
days since will be so about to send up some.
Hundreds of dollars. I shall soon be coming
off for work which is cheaper than being

Don't say thing to the shop of idables he
was morn early in fine chicken one
dollar a pair and other things & for potato
McCormick is still here he talks of
going north in a few days he certainly has
gone down about as fast as any man I know
of he now says that he is going on Blois ~~off~~
We called particularly after you and the
children my poor clothing little ones I do
hope they are well & often think of them
and wonder if they are well kiss them
for me. you must make yourself comfortable
this summer get good rooms and live like
a lady I shall write to Annie in a day or
two after I have got settled in my
new home Shop Club will come down
I think I can get him a situation as Quaker
Master's Clerk at this Post I shall speak
to Capt. Coates about it tomorrow &
if not that I think I have an other thing
on hand a little better word might my
own dear child you Bernie heart
pleases beyond you & will that
I shut you for a few minutes my
wonder how doing send you a fond kiss
kiss
Love fondly yours
Bernie