

Cin Sept 17th 1862

My Dear Wife

Yours Came to hand this morning & I was glad to hear from you and pleased to learn that the the children were well I am also well and am still employed in the same way as a dispatch Boat and our trips only extend down as far of late as Andersons Ferry 8 miles we made but two yesterday one at noon and one in the night all is quiet here now and the majority of the stores are open but there is nothing doing but what appertains to the war it is thought that there will be a Battle in Kentucky someplace soon but as it will not be in the vicinity of the River I will not get a chance of witnessing it I have heard so much of war and been so much among soldiers that I have lost all horrors that I used to entertain about war I would as soon go to war as not if I were stout and had no family for it has almost become a fashion to go all that are left out of the military ranks are old and decrippped, and it seems as that it has become a necessity to turn out. I will never go unless compelled to and that in defence of my own property and for the preservation of the Union I am sure that the South will be completely broken up and the north greatly in debt though the debt will be amongst the north and the money will be left in the country and all will be benefitted more or less with it. I have not seen your mother since I last wrote to you as I have to stay on the Boat I have no opportunity of seeing any body or any thing only soldiers guns and Cannons. We are almost tiard of this kind of work we live almost misserably poor I have not tasted any Butter for 4 weeks that I could stand and as for sauce we never have any thing of the kind we have Beef poor at that and Bakers Bred and the poorest Kind of vegatibles I ever saw all kinds of marketting is dur and poor the Country is as dry as a chip for all we have showers frequently yesterday and last night and today is as warm a time as we have had this summer and the Mosquitoes are the worst I ever saw. I wish you would Call on John Russell and tell him you want some Money and keep all that you know to be good such as U.S. and all Pittsburgh Banks I fear that I shall fail to get all out of him if I don't make frequent calls you must let on to him that you are in need or he will put you off. Tell all the children that I am not in war nor do I intend to go that I will come home when the river raises and that I have some things for them I have a fine lot of Peach stones and wattermellon seeds saved and I will go up town some of those days after bussiness resumes more fully and buy each of them some thing that will please them. I have thought frequently about ~~about~~ our whereabouts and pleasures nine years ago, and how as you thought what may our position be nine year from now. I hope that we may have no more to mar our happiness than we have had and that we may both live and our children live many nine years to come. I will stop as my paper is full I will look for a letter from you on receipt of this and hope to hear of you and the little ones enjoying good health and happiness

Ever Truly your husband WB Anderson