

Cin Friday July 31<sup>st</sup> 1863

My Dr Wife

Your of 26 came in due time & I was pleased to hear from you & hope you & all the little ones are well I send with Elias 60\$ Dolls as he is going home to stop off till his health gets better I will see your Mother this Evening I have been very buissily engaged all day & have not had one moment to myself I & the boat are pressed in Gov. service or rather chartered at 150\$ one hundred & fifty Dolls per day & our fuel furnished which is as good or better than I could do out of the service our trip around was rather poor having only picked ~~put~~ but little by the way we have made in all since the boat came out six thousand clear cash though that is not bad in less than two months I hope to be able to make enough by the setting in of winter to remain at home & enjoy the comforts of our own fireside though things change often I had almost despaired when we arrived here and all of a sudden I happened to strike a lucky lick & get wind of this opperation that I now am engaged in we will leave tomorrow Evening for Nashville with 220 Mules and about 40 tons of soldier clothing & 40 tons of oats It will take us probably 15 to twenty days to make the trip & by that time we shall probably hear of orders to go some place else or it may be that we shall not be permitted to come back here again as we are at the Command of the Military authorities though one thing certain we are not at our own risk if the boat is lost we hold the Government for it and the way it was before if she was lost it would have been our own risk. I am astonished to hear of you not receiving more letters from me for I have written to you very often 2 the last time I was here and one from Nashville and so on all the time I am sure I have written at the very least 2 letters per week Ever since I left home I hope you will get them more regularly as I have written & do still intend writing but there has been so much trouble about the mails on account of the Morgan raid that I suppose may account for failure of the mails I have but little news to write about Kiss all the little ones for me & tell them to be good till I come good by till tomorrow I will drop you a line before we leave

Affectionately and truly yours  
WB Anderson