

Bayou Lafourch L.A. Feby. 16th 1863

my Dear Wife

To day is Monday and a cloudy day at that, last night it rained hard and flooded the ground so that we thought we should have to move our tents but the water settled down so that it did not reach our bedding which is some Hay laid on some Boards. I have got so that I can when I feel well sleep on a board without much inconvenience. we generally when we pitch our tents in a new place make a flooring of boards enough to keep off the damp. in this place the nights are very damp and in wet weather the ground is very muddy. I have not been well for the last few days but I think it is a good deal Bilious and dyspeptic feeling. I caught cold and was sore all over but I took a sweat of herb tea and felt better next day but I find that I have got to take some medicine to bring me

right. I have made a couple of rings
for Katie and Josie and I am going
to make another for Eddie to send
in my next letter I have not
time to make it for this letter.
The largest ring is Katie, the smallest is
for Josie. I spoke to Mr Northrop
to day about his wife and told him from
what I had heard that I thought
she was not all right. the reason
I told him was that I saw he was
fixing to send money to her and
I thought perhaps that he might
not do it if he knew she was not
doing her duty. what course he
will take I cannot tell but if she
should come to talk to you about it
because you wrote to me about it
don't let her scare you at all,
you did not say anything that
you ought not to have said.
I understand that the Mail Boat
has arrived at N. Orleans and I

Suppose we shall receive the
mail from home by it. I hope
I shall have a letter or 2 letters,
it is now some days since I
received a letter from you and
I should like to have another,
of course I always feel some anxiety
about the health and welfare of all
of you. I hope you recovered all right
from your difficulty. I suppose that
it is the effects of wearing Fannie.
I should like to see the little
thing, I think she must be coming
by this time. I enclose in this
letter an order for 10 dollars due
by the State of Connecticut to me, for
you to collect. you can get it
Cashed probably at the Danbury Bank
by allowing them a $\frac{1}{4}$ dollar if they
ask it. you will want to endorse
it on the back of it if you collect it.
the Captain has gone to New Orleans to
day with the pay roll to get our

pay and then I intend to send
you in my next some money. the
first that I have received from
the U.S. government. My pay amount
at 12 dollars a month up to the 1st
of Jan^y. 5³, 60 I shall probably
send you 25 or 30 dollars, the 1st
of March we have another payment
of 2 months due, which we shall
probably get at that time.

I want you my dear if you have not got them already
to get you good clothes and make yourself so
that you can go a visiting once in a while,
When you write please inform me whether you
have received the monthly payment due
from the State or not. Now my dear
I must close my letter and I
want you to consider my Love as being
sent to you and that you have it exclusively
by and that I hope to be home by the
middle of June if God is willing.
From your affectionate Husband
D. Bishop