

Lt. Colonel William Henry Chapman Society

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My Darling Wife

A small party of us came up as far as this place and so I brought Mrs. Russell with me to Doctor Stuart's. Lt. --- Russell & myself reach her after dark last night after a very cold days ride. Found the family very pleasant and kind but in deep morning the Doctor has two daughter's living with him one married to Mr. Tubbenville Stuart and the other Mrs. Col. Randolph whose husband was killed last spring at Spotsylvania both of them has children and a strong probability of their families being increased soon. So I cannot promise you a very pleasant visit here. They asked me many questions about you & I think would be glad to see you both, but having no idea that I wanted to bring you to this country did not ask me. However if you think you can stand so long a journey after the weather moderates I will have you brought down where I am staying as I can get board near them & we will stop here on the way. You may look for me up soon & then we an arrange it.

Will you please knit or crochet me a pair of gloves. Somebody stole mine while in Richmond & so I have to borrow from some of my friends. If Papa has not sent for the corn at Mr. Rixey & does not intend sending for it. Ask your Uncle John to have it moved to a safe place. Corn will be very scarce in the spring.

You may send me some Confederate money about \$250.00 if you can spare it by Lt. Russell if he does not leave before this reaches you I did not know until yesterday that I was so near out. Greenbacks are preferred here but we take the liberty of circulation our own currency. By the way it is improving very much in Richmond when I was there gold sold for 75 for 1, not it can be bought for 30, and & is still improving. This is an intensely cold morning though notwithstanding the cold & wind in my face I should like to be on road to see you. The Potomac is frozen nearly across all of their vessels are blocked up. If it wasn't for the hardship our soldiers would have to undergo would be well if it would stay so until Grants Army would starve out. Give my love to all write soon to.

Your Dearest Husband

W. H. Chapman