

Cahaba Ala. Nov 3rd 1865

Dear wife I write you a few lines in answer to your kind letter of the 13th of last month. I received it day before yesterday. I was glad to hear from you and to hear that you and Lanza was well. I was sorry that mother & father are so afflicted. I hope they will soon get well as you wrote that they were getting better. I was glad to learn that you had found your cow and you have such a good turn out of your Potatoes. I would not care to have some of them down here for we do not get many of them to eat. I hope you will have a lot laid up for me by the time I get home. I received a letter from Jerry a few days

ago she told me of the death
of her mother I was sorry to
hear of it, I answered her letter
I do not know certain when we
will get out but there is still
some prospect of us getting out
this month perhaps not before
the last of it we heard by the
way of Taylor & Maple who have
got back to the Company that there
were orders at Springfield for us
to be mustered out they were looking
for us at Springfield from some
excuse or other they are keeping us
here and we can not see any
good reason for it for we have
nothing to do down here there is
four more of the men gone home
on a furlow and the Captaine is
at home on a furlow. I am glad
the Boys are making such
good classes I would like to

have some of them down this ^{way}
I believe I could stow some of
them away to good advantage to
my self I want you to do the
best you can keep cheerfull and
you must not get the blues nor get
discouraged if I do not get home
as soon as I expect for I assure you
I want to get home the worst kind
I would give good deal to be at
home with you now for I know
you kneed me at home and I am getting
tired of staying here and of being
away from my family give my
best respects to all the friends
and write soon to me and as often
as you can for I love to get letters
from you and it does me a greater
deal of good for I think that I
have one that is dear to me that
thinks of me and do not forget
to write me it is a great consolation
to me to know that I have such

a friend it cheers me up
and it makes me long for
my home home sweet home
how dear to me it is there is
no place on this green earth that
is so dear to me I hope it
will not be long till I
will be permitted again to be
with my dear wife & child
you must kiss Laura for me
Remember me at a throne
of grace for I feel that our
heavenly father has been very
good to me & mine since I
have been away from home
I will close for the
the present I am your
affectionate husband
Wm McCoy

P.S. I still keep well have
as good health as ever I had
I weigh 140 lbs it is about as much
as ever I weighed