

New Kent Court House  
New Kent County Virginia May 27 1862

Dear Bella

I write these few lines to inform you that i am in good health and i hope that you and the Children are in the same way i was taken away from the Regiment last Thursday and i am at the Court House of New Kent County this Court House is made to a Hospital and i was sent here to assist as nurses for the sick Soldiers i cant send this letter to you till i will leave here my Regiment is ahead ten or fifteen miles i think i shall leave here before long there are hundred and thousands of Soldiers are sent home discharged because of sickness i recd two newspaper from you last Saturday i dont want you to send me any more papers we have the news here as soon as you have it there and there is no use for you to go to trouble your self with papers i have no very particular to send but we expect to have a big fight before long the news is hear this morning that Richmond is taken and North Carolina is joint the union and call her troops home if the news is true we shall be home soon i wish i was at home i am tired of this hard life there no one knows what a Soldiers has to suffer if i had not been here and healthy i would been in my Grave long a go John Golouger is in the Hospital this long a go i dont know what became of Yeb Warner i never seen him since i am very Lousy i had to throw <sup>away</sup> one of my shirts of yesterday because of the dam lice i have two new clean shirts that i will wear after i will leave the hospital there are men coming here that is rotom and stinking with the Bowel Complaint