

Mar 11th

Now darling, as I did not finish my letter as I wished to last night, I will try to do it tonight, I did not tell you anything about where I am, and I know you are feeling anxious to hear

The fact is I hardly know where I am myself. We came here from Fort Fisher last Tuesday night, and I have not been around much yet. But I do not know as I have told you that I had left Dr. Dearborn.

When he was ordered here to Wilmington, I had to go to the Hospital and report to Dr. Mitchel, and the second day after, we were ordered to move to this place, where we are now, fixing for a hospital, I am at present in the Dispensary,

I cannot tell how I shall like till we get things started, but think it will be pleasant. Now I have told you all there is to tell at present so I shall have to finish out with something else. Julia sent me a photograph, a very good one. She forgot to seal it, and it went to the reg^t and Henry, took it out and looked at it, and he says he should like to "kiss her for her mother"

Emma sent me a real good letter, I must answer it soon.

I have never received any letter from you that was sent to the Point of Rocks, after I left there.

I was very anxious to see one in particular, but those that I have had lately are so very kind and loving that I am perfectly satisfied with you, and do not care to see them now My darling wife, must not think it is wrong, to love me so much, for I assure you, that your love will keek me from sin, and make me happier, and better, I know it is hard for you to be left so long alone, and regret it, as much as you do, but I have more hopes for the future, and I find a grea^t deal of pleasure, in thinking of the time when I shall come back, never to leave you again, and it shall be the only object of my life to make you as happy as you deserve to be. Do not be discouraged, my sweet wife, take good care of your health, write me good loving letters, and belei^{ve} that we shall yet be happier together, than we ever have been before

Now darling, I will say good bye for a little while. Love to the little ones.

Yours

Leander