

Fort, Cal, Feb, The  
16, 1864

Dear Wife I Sat my self

to Drop you a few lines to  
let you here from me I am well  
except cold and I hope those  
few lines may find you and family  
enjoying the same great Blessing of  
a kind father health is one of the  
greatest Blessings bestowed on man  
and home is one of the sweetest  
words and and Mother is  
a mother I would like to go  
home and see Mother but it  
is doubtful about my getting  
of I would give almost any sum  
to her but I dont expect  
to get home soon but the  
Lords will be done not mind  
This is a cold cloudy day I  
received your kind letter yesterday  
it dated the 8 yesterday was <sup>the</sup> 15  
This is the third letter this week  
to you and one to Mother I would  
like to see Mother } [84]

