

Aprile, the 23, 1864

Dear Wife

I am at present enabled

By the Blessing of all mighty
God to drop you a few
lines to let you here
from that my health is
good much better than it
was when I was at home
I landed Tuesday about
2 o'clock I got wet as rain
cold make me I had to
travel part of the way in
a goat boat and the sea
was ruff and we got
wet all over with the
waves I had to leave my things
at Smithsill but I got
them the next day but
I had a bad day of it
Some of my men didnt get
back till Thursday [97]

I hant had time
to write to you til
to day the heth of hour
ca is good one case of
small pox is all well
I bag you keep my Stamp
and I hant one I sent
to Wilmington to day
for two dollars worth
I tel you how to
plant corn I want
those ridges split
and cross all but that
pee men gines that pee
in the garden field
over the ditch drill
I hant got time to
rite any more
at this time I hant
more bag to be
to bag only I am
well that is the best