

Aurora Beaufort Co.

~~Old Sparta~~, N. C.

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My Dear Wife:

Have heard nothing from you since crossing to the south side of Albemarle Sound and we are now to the south of Pamlico. Only once more are we to see a boat when we cross Neuse River at Newbern. We left Swanquater yesterday - Sunday - morning for this place in a small schooner. With a fair wind the thirty miles can be sailed in four or five hours but we had little wind to start with and that finally gave out, so we anchored at night scarcely ten miles from the starting point, completing the trip this morning. I felt before starting as if I would have

one of my attacks, so I provided myself with opium and it was fortunate I did as it came on very soon after getting aboard - but I am all right to day - Jovis and I sat upon deck last night slapping muskets and wondering what our wives would say if they just knew our situation. The country we have been in for the last week is the least desirable in the state but it will not do to tell the people of it. Have sent some clothes over to Newbern to be laundred by the time I get there; these will answer until Nov 5<sup>th</sup>. How I wish it was here.

Love and kisses for you and the dear little girls -

Your aff

Husband -

Do not be uneasy - I am in easy reach of home where I shall go as once if necessary -