

Raleigh July 15 1862

My Dear Sparrow:

I congratulate you on your safe return to your home. I have often heard from you indirectly, & was glad to know that you were as comfortable in your confinement, as a prisoner could well expect to be.

Wm Sparrow ried your pay, as directed by you, up to the 1st of Nov^r. She requested me on coming to Raleigh in June to ascertain whether the State Paymaster would continue to pay, or whether she must look to the Confederate authority. I saw Lewis, & wrote her I. to authorize me to receipt for her. On receiving the authority, I saw Lewis again & he said that, since our previous interview, the Adjutant Genl had directed him to make no payments after the 1st Nov^r. I then offered a resolution in the Convention, calling for information from the Adj. Genl. I

send you a copy of his communication.
I hardly know what to do in the
premises. Your favor of attorney was
carried to Richmond & I infer that
an unsuccessful application was made
there. I wish you to state me fully
on the subject. I feel that injustice
is done you & the other Hatties
men.

The Convention is trying to perfect
a military bill. A requisition has
been sent calling for six per cent
of the child population, including those
who are now in service for the war.
Volunteers will be called for & a
draft will be the last resort. Of
course Branford Co. will escape this,
because each county will be credited
with the number of men it has
furnished for the war, & she has
furnished more than six per cent.

We have no late reliable news.
There are many rumors about the
operations of the navy in the
Albion country - also a rumor

that we have gained a victory at
Fort Donelson - This seems to be
the dark hour of the struggle, but I
hope the clouds will soon break away -

Truly yours
C. F. Ham