

Turkey July 20th '62

Dear Annie -

You will be surprised to hear from me at this place. I am summoned to Wilmington on a General Court meeting presided over by Col^l Leventhalp, which will last some weeks. Most of the members board in the town. I go each night to my Battery, returning next day. In the intervals of the session each member is at liberty to go where he sees fit, & after the adjournment yesterday I found most of the members were going off on the railroad. I thought it would be a good time to visit Ann, & so came here last night. I dined with her at Mr Overis to day, & after dinner took her to Mr Nash's (Dr Mc Harris house) where she now is. I am writing in Capt J. H. Brown's Office, on the same lot. Sally Ann Carramy sent for me a short time since & I took her also to Mr N's where I left her & came here to write. Ann looks very well, and is growing quite fleshy. She is very anxious to see you & the children, & I am hesitating as to the propriety of sending her home to Washington. Her vacation commences

next Thursday week / the 1st of August.)
and George's about the same time. Mr &
Mrs Hanks wish Sam to stay with them
& she will go there on a visit until I
can determine what to do with her.

I have some thought of sending both
George & her to Newport to their Aunt
May's. The objection is to the cost. Then
I think of sending Sam to see you, trust-
ing to the chances of getting her out
again. She is much attached to Mr & Mrs
Ormen, & I wish her to continue at school.

I am at a loss to know what to do
with George, unless I take him to my
camp, & into my tent with me. He is very
much dissatisfied at Hillsboro' & says
he cannot study. I have received his
report, & will send it to you when I get
back to camp. I wrote him a permit
the other day to visit his Aunts at Durham.
I think I will order him to go to my
Camp at Wilmington after the close of his
School until I can make further
arrangements for him. It will cost
less to support him there.

Mr Ledy has sold your gunnins for
\$35, but has not sold the Buttons. I

can sell them at Wilmington for \$8. per
Doz, & I think even more than this.
I shall take them there, sell them & send
him the money & he is to procure for you
State Notes. He can send them he says at
almost any time. I will sell the Calumet
there also & add this to the amt. I have
not lately drawn any pay, but shall
do so the first of the month, & will send
you the larger part of it. Write me what
you get to eat & how you fare. Also
how the children are off for school. I will
try to send you some. Did you get the
box of paper? It was sent from Greenville.
I can continue to send you almost
any thing you want. Love to Sister.
Tell her to write me what she wants.
Don't under any circumstances part
with your gold, or the Brandy. The
latter had better be bottled. How is your
garden? I hope you have a good one.
Every thing is high at Wilmington & I live
very plainly in camp. I shall try to
buy some butter, eggs & vegetables here.
We have lately taken Springfield
Tennessee near Nashville, & shall soon have
the state. Jackson is again in the valley after

Rape this time, & we shall soon have
Washington & Baltimore unless M' Lellan
leaves the James River. We have whipped
the whole Yankee fleet at Wickburg &
run them down the river. The Yankees
tremble in their shoes & soon their game
will be over. The prospects of the Southern
Confederacy, were never so bright as
at this time.

I long to see you & the little ones
& Maddy & Jimmy. My love to them all.
I have my new uniform, trimmed
with red, & it cost just \$100. I had
to buy Boston, not getting those
sent from in time.

Love to sister & Cat. Farewell!
Write as often as you can.

Your Husband

J. S. Garrison

I have written in great haste.