

Wilmington N.C.

July 26th 1862

My dear Annie-

I saw Mr Proctor to night at Daniel Reid's room, just from below. He tells me that he can probably send a letter to you next week & I therefore hasten to write you a few lines though it is quite late. I wrote you from Tubors' on Sunday by Mr Van Northwick & suppose you have received the letter. I enclose with this a cut letter from Sam & one from George. Also some scraps from the paper which I suppose you will find interesting. We have met with a succession of glorious achievements in Tennessee & Kentucky & one even in Indiana. We have run the Yankees entirely out of the State of Arkansas. The foreign press is at last unanimous in our favor, & so are all the Nations of Europe. The Despots & Vandals who pollute our soil & desecrate our land, may well tremble in their shoes. A day of reckoning is near at hand for the scoundrels in Beaufort County who have joined the enemy or given

him aid & comfort. They will have to
leave the country or grace a limbo with
their worthless carcasses.

I received to day your welcome letter
of the 9th inst, telling me of the receipt
of the paper, & the excellent health of
all the children & the splendid appear-
ance of our boy. Since I have been living
in town away from the duties of the
Camp, you have been in my dream
at night & my thoughts by day. I long
most earnestly to see you all, & to be
with you at home in peace once more.
My sincerest love to Sister & Jennie &
all the children. Tell John his Pa wants
to see him in jacket & Trowsers very much.

On coming from Forts I found that
the ~~Judge~~ General Commanding the Department
of North Carolina had appointed me Judge
Advocate of the General Court Martial
sitting here. It imposes on me immense
labor, & taxes all my exertions. We have
tried more than a dozen cases, & have
yet fifteen or twenty to try. I am
living with Capt. Andrews, in the Meth-
odist Parsonage, a fine large house, keeping
house together, he & I. I have invitations
to several other places. Van Arman - Jas.
Willards - Capt. Nurses & elsewhere.

My Company is now quite large, & I have
a splendid Buttery below here, made
or by myself mostly.

I have sold the six doz: Butters for
\$30, & the baloney for \$15; & sent them
amt \$45: to B. M. Selby who will
send it to you in A. Carolina Money.
I do not add to this any money of
my own, supposing that you wish
to make perhaps a different use of
this. I shall draw funds from, &
send you most of that, in bills you
can make use of. Let sister have
what she may require. I am quite
largely indebted to her. Tell her that
Elisha is working in the Blacksmiths
Shop in Arden. So James Howard
informed me this afternoon. He is
here working on Gunboats.

I must close. Write as often
as you can, & may God & My
God, watch over & protect you.

Your Husband.

F. Sparrow