

Telegraph Office
Fort Caswell Aug 12th 1863

To

"Dear Alice!"

Yours dated 27th ult just received; Glad to hear from home once more, and that you were all well, Yes, I have "Bully" time going in the Surf. Tell us what; ocean waves are glorious, and if I only had half ($\frac{1}{2}$) chance I should enjoy surfing at an unbounded rate, But owing to the scarcity of boats, I've not had chance to go sailing or fishing. Right bad isn't it? Well it seems that a and "Billy" hasn't ran away yet? But, how is Billy, has he ever finish'd that book he was writing? Should like very much to see it. Alice I want u to tell Ma, ~~for~~ ask her if she can't manage to send me something to eat? Ha! talk like we don't have things to eat here. Well we do have a little, but it's salt meat & "Furlough" Bread, every day, with out one grain of, sweetening, vegetable or anything else that is worth eating. I don't think I'm seeing the "Elephant" in a "slight" form, what do u think about it, Ask her to fix up a little box, I don't care what it is, I won't choose, would be glad to get any thing. Now tell her to be certain and do it. How are all, Tell Jones he had better volunteer, They'll be certain to get him this time, Tell him to come down here and join, there is a splendid company he can join, his friend Henry Walker is here in it, it is Capt Stevensons, Henry says he'd be glad to see him. If they happen to get hold of him, he might be sent out West, where he'd see the "Vale Elephant" Show and all the folks in Timmonsville, Girls especially, God bless 'em, Give my best "73" to those of my acquaintance, ~~Get~~ talked with Sam while he was at "2" over the line, it made me feel sort o' bad when he told me he was going to Timmonsville, and I could not, that's the first time I've been homesick I believe; ~~Have~~ arent heard from him since, he said he was on his way to "Agueda" Co. The Report is here that "Yellow Jack" is about paying another visit to "2". But Jimmie says it's all humbug, I hope it is. Alice you must give my best love to all home folks, tell Tilla O.K. I will write some these days.

How is his Sallie, has she given up her school yet? The Col comd^g, here, fired at the blockaders, a day or two ago, with little Whittier's gun, and "it" just ought to have seen 'em skedaddle. The Yanks dont like the whitewash gun, at all, it shoots most too far for them, I think it shoots with accuracy six (6) miles. Well I want to get away from here mighty bad, it's very healthy place though, but so lonesome. Weather here very warm, towards night we have good breeze. I must close got a message to send to "Q" you must give love to all, Kiss the little ones, tell Lilla, Mary, Candy, but some pretty shells and Uncle Joe, will get some for her, and the rest; Good bye

"73"

P.S. Will write to Asa soon.

"Joe"

Write to Jefe Keith, ask if he got it.

"Joe" tell my Aunt my other shirts impossible to do without them.

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