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Caustons Bluff July 5<sup>th</sup> '862

Dear Mary I received yours of the 27<sup>th</sup> ult  
and I have not had any chance to answer yours  
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to you all about every thing but you have not  
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you have so much to bother you that you cannot  
recollect every thing when you are writing Mary I  
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overshirt with some coffee tied up in it and  
was in hopes you would get it but you have said  
nothing about it in your letters although I wrote to  
you about it when I sent it to you Mary we have  
a great deal of sickness in our camp we have in  
our own company two Lieutenants five non commission  
officers and thirty one private sick now and the boys  
get sick every day two taken sick to day some with  
typhoid fever some with chills and fever some with  
Dysentery others with mumps some very sick others not  
so sick ~~as others~~ Mr Melican is sick with typhoid  
fever he will go home the sixteenth if he is able  
to go at that time I would rather any other man  
ish the company would leave than him he has been my  
mess mate all the time we have been in the service I  
will be left with none but William Carroll in my  
~~company~~ when Melican leaves for home William  
got a letter from his Father to day and his Father wrote

to him that some person had written home that we  
cried every time he had to go on guard I want  
tell J. Carroll for me that it is a lie and I would like  
to know who wrote home such a lie as that I know  
there are some person here that writes home falsehoods  
and I want them exposed to the rest of the company so  
that all may know who he is Mary I want you to write  
all about every thing about home I hope I will get to come  
home before very long and stay with you awhile Mary I  
have nearly forgotten how every thing looks about home  
the children will be grown up so I recon I will not know  
them and the little baby will be a big baby before I  
get to see or its Mother but if you and the children  
can only keep in good health I shall not mind so bad  
being away from you I am in as good health and feel  
as well as I generally do in the Summer Mary I wrote to  
you about the money I sent your <sup>father</sup> before I thought he had  
paid for the corn he got for you with the money I  
would like to see you all once more if it was possible  
and I am in hopes I will get to go in a few weeks at  
farther Mary I would like to spend tomorrow with  
you and the children and help you eat some of your water  
melons and vegetables for it is a very small portion falls  
to my lot - Mary I want you to keep in good heart  
a few more such thrashings as they got last ten days will  
will certainly satisfy them for a while Mary Kiss all  
the children for me

Your Husband in Love  
William W. Knight

1862-05-07

## Gauston's Bluff July 5<sup>th</sup> 1862

Dear Mary, I received yours of the 27<sup>th</sup> just, and I have not had any chance to answer yours until now. I was very glad to hear you are getting along well with your crop. I have written to you all about every thing[sic], but you have not said much about them in your letters, but I know you have much to bother you that you cannot recollect every thing[sic] when you are writing. Mary, I sent in Jonathan's trunk that he sent home my overshirt with some coffee tied up in it and was in hopes you would get it, but you said nothing about it in your letters, although I wrote to you about it when I sent it to you. Mary, we have a great deal of sickness in our camp. We have in our own company two lieutenants, five non commission[sic] officers and thirty one private[s] sick now, and the boys get sick every day. Two taken sick to day[sic], some with Typoid[sic] fever, some with chills and fever, some with diarrhea, others with mumps, some very sick, others not so sick. Mr. Millican is sick with Typhoid fever, he will go home the sixteenth if he is able to go at that time. I would rather any other man in the company would leave than him, he has been my mess mate all the time we have been in the service. I will be left with none but William Carroll in my company when Millican leaves for home. William got a letter from his father to day and his father writes to him that some person had written home that William cried every time he had to go on guard. I want you to tell J. T. Carroll for me that it is a ly[sic] and I would like to know who wrote home such a lie as that. I know there are some persons here that writes home falsehoods and I want them exposed to the rest of the company so that all may know who he is. Mary, I want you to write all about everything about home I hope I will get to come home before very long and play with you awhile. Mary, I have nearly forgotten how everything looks about home, the children will be grown up so I recon I will not know them and the little baby will be a big baby before I get to see or its Mother, but if you and the children can only keep in good health, I shall not mind so bad being away from you. I am in as good health and feel as well as I generally do in the summers. Mary, I wrote to you about the money I sent your father before I thought he had paid for the corn he got for you with the money I sent. I am in hopes I will get to go in a few weeks at farthest. Mary, I would like to spend tomorrow with you and the children and help you eat some of your watermelons and vegetables, for it is a very small portion falls to my lot. Mary, I want you to keep in good heart, a fear more such thrashing as they got last then days will certainly satisfy them for a while. Mary, keep all the children for me.

Your Husband in love,

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