August 25th, 1864

Allston, Va.

Darling

I received two letters since I wrote last--you say our house has all gon' to rack. I don't think we will stay there this winter nor I don't know now what to do we will see after I get home I might make it--pay very well to stop at Nashville this winter and it cost so much to get you there and then I might have to leave there for I would be subject--to their Orders I propose to stay with my darling after this. I am sorry to hear that the Troops are so poor I am sorry I told you not to sell any cattle they may not sell so as good advantage when it get home. I am afraid now that you can't get hay enough
Morrison has reduced his stalk so it will be but little work to take care of them. I love it—is a good deal there as it is there. It gets warm to do anything in the middle of the day. I came off of guard this morning cleaned my gun went to the creek and washed came back eat. My dinner laid down and had a good sleep and am ready for guard in the morning darling. I hope you will meet me in St Paul. I would like nothing better. I should like to stop in St Paul two or three days when you go down you must go the Stage trade there might be such a thing that I would meet you on the road the Rebels captured John broder of our, 60 night before last he cooked for the, Col, and Maj. he was out side of the lines buying vegetables he got away from them the same night they robbed him of 27 dollars.
This watch, knife, and comb, it is hard to fight such a set of beings as they are. They are no better than set of hyenas. Robbers should be killed as fast as come to.

Aug 25th. We have more trouble on the railroad they lose up 1000 miles last night. Eight cars was thrown down an embankment. Killed four and wounded several. They are sending all the Dr. M. Ayres from Maryland here. I think they will send more troops here. The 18th Ws and three companies of our Regt. have gone to Knoxville. They expect a raid on the road there. I see by the St. Paul papers that the Indians are breaking out again. I am very sorry I was in hopes it would be peace there at least. You must keep good watch of the mail. If I should hear that I should get to St. Paul, before or after the 1st. I will try and let you know by mail. It rained very hard last.
night I was on guard. I think Jake Hoos is going to Ohio to hire out as a substitute or else he thinks he can get a commission. We are still fortifying and making our works stronger. Stinchfield has been mustered in and assigned to Co. A and Co. C don't like it much.

Aug 27th

The boys less than one month for me to stay here. I love I will soon be home. I have no news there. Raine something between here and the front eight trains have been waiting here all the after noon. The road is torn up probably with much love. Hoping soon to see you.

John