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Harpers Ferry

March

My Dearest wife-

I set Down again to rite you a few lines. I am well and I hope that you and all the rest are the same. Our regiment has not got back yet and I can't tell whether it is coming back or not. We have not got orders yet to follow them. I send you another Box with some clothes in. The overcoat you can cut up and make clothes for Will and the pants to the Blue coat will do for him to[o]. Give Tom [Kershaw] one of the Blou[s]es and tell him I could not get him the kind of coat.

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He wanted as our Boys have quit guarding the place that they are kept at. The Pistol you can give to Will. Tell him to keep it for me. If George Hudson comes up don't tell him I sent you any clothes or don't let him see them. If we stay here I will try and get Tom another coat and send it up. Toby is very bad with the mumps. They pain him a good bit. I must bring this to a close. I told you all I had to say in the letter that I wrote yesterday. Hoping to hear from you soon I will bring this to a close. Give my love to all and tell them I will be back to see them again and stay.

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to all and tell em[m]a and will that I will be back to see them again and stay. I had to send this Box off[f] in a hurry as I don't know what we are going to do. You need not answer this letter if you have anserd the one I sent.

yesterday untill you get another from me  But if you have not then rite and Direct [it] here-

No more at present from-

Your loving husband

James F. Stepter