

Jonesboro Tenn  
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My dear wife

I was ordered down to this place yesterday on business of a nature I do not like, namely to superintend the buying and impressments of horses. I would give a good deal to get clear of the job but as I can't I shall prosecute it with all vigor. Four counties are assigned me. Sullivan, Johnson, Carter and Washington being corner counties joining North Carolina and Virginia. I will have spread of forty men to accompany me. Indians. I presume. I was selected for this business much against my wishes especially as it interferes with my making out my returns but the Brigade officers promise me their support in getting the Quarter Master General to wait on me, and I intend to urge this extra duty as a plea for a furlough when I to go home. I hardly ever am failed in what I set my head to do and I believe I shall yet get to go. In seventeen months though I have been sent home I have never but once asked to be sent and that not on my own account.

Eb was quite well last night. He got a letter from John a day or two ago. He wants to get to this command and I want him for a clerk. I am going to write to him this evening. Col. Thomas is yet at Knoxville. Col Love is in command. My health is still quite good indeed. I am stouter than usual at this time of year. I hope you are still well. Kiss both the children for me and tell them I think of them when they are sleep. A hundred kisses for you. My love to all kin, and friends. Write often and as long letters as you have time for, though I shall not urge on you to fatigue yourself now on any account. May the Lord bless and preserve you my precious one.

Your affectionate husband  
Jas. W. Terrell

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