

Raleigh, N.C. Jan 29<sup>th</sup> 1864

My dear wife

I reached this place yesterday, Thursday morning all safe and sound after a rather fateguing journey. I am only partially successful in my mission to this place. I will get some clothing for the officers after a while but not now. I leave tonight at 7 o'clock for the will reach Weldon tomarrow if can without losing the train I will go see David. If not I will leave the articles and letters where he will get them.

I am much pleased to find as healthy a tone among North Carolinians as I have found in the roads from home to this place. The Holden party appears to me to consist of a few verry noisy people which are great hardy and manly resistance. At on time while coming down on the cars at night some one commenced a trinde against our government and policy and especially against the original secessionists. The car was not lighted. I could not see him. I did not know the sentiment of the passengers, but the man went on till I could not well contain myself (you know I am a bad hand to hold my tongue) I took occasion while the cars were still to give him a round. I condenced my reply into abut three short sentences – everybody listened. I was so heartily endorsed and cheered by the whole car full that my unknown opponent was completely silenced. Say to all our friends to hold out faithfully. North Carolina will nobly sustain her character. She is not to be surrendered by a few dennagoeues. Our cause is just. It is holy. It will prevail. May God speed it.

It is now about 8 o'clock P.M. I am writing this by the gas light of my room in the Mansion Hotel. How I would like to spend the remaining hours between this and train time with you and our little jewels. I want to see you this night as bad as I ever did. I feel like writing you another of those long love letters, but I have some little fixing to do. Write to me soon. I hope Jimmy has got well e'er this. Kiss him and Mollie and Sallie for me. A kiss for you my love. May the Lord bless and preserve you.

Your affectionate husband

Jas. W. Terrell

Mrs. Ann Terrell

P.S. Say to Emeline Bumgarner when you see her that I did not get her husband's bounty but have learned how to get it. I have to get a statement from Capt. Fisher and the paper she gave me has to have the county seal to it, I will enclose it to her in a letter when I see Capt Fisher and I will soon get the money.

As ever yours  
James

N.B. Look in the breast pocket of my old coat that I wore while at home and see if there is not some money in it. Also in the little table drawer. I have not missed any but I am not sure but that I left some in both places. Remember to send the letter to Wm. Terrell.

J.W.T.

(written across last page of above)

P.S. Carter Depot Feb 5<sup>th</sup>

I wrote this in Raleigh to send to you but did not get it in the office. I send it now. I shall however with this send a letter to Emiline enclosing the paper for her here spoken of so you need not trouble yourself.