

Strawberry Plains Tenn.
May 4th 1862

Dear Wife

Mr. Cline leaves for home this morning. I am quite well. We are getting pretty well fixed up and have quite a pleasant situation, beautiful camp, fine scenery, good neighborhood and plenty to eat. I will go home some time in June, possibly sooner. Our boys are all well except Jack Blythe who has been pretty sick but is now nearly well. This is Sunday just over the river there is preaching. I will go and take as many of the boys as wish to go. Write to me on Mr. Cline's return, which will be in five or six days. I presume. News came to camp last night that a fight had occurred at Cumberland Gap. Loss on our side 17 killed – thirty wounded. Enemies loss 120 killed 400 wounded and that Gen Smith had gone into Ky determined to break up the enemies camp. We will probably have more news in a few minutes as the cars are now getting in sight.

If I have time I will put a postscript to this letter in the mean time I will stop as I promised to write some for Powers and Sanders. Sergeant Parker and some of his company came by day – before yesterday from whom I heard that you were well, Mordecai on the mend, and that young Conley was dead. I may get a letter from you this morning, the cars have just passed and will go over to the post office directly but till after Mr. Cline starts.

Say to Mollie and Sallie that father will come home in Strawberry time and they and Hattie must pick berries to make him a great big pie. I am as I said before in good health and the boys were just now re-marking that I looked better than when I left home. I thought I would stop some time ago. Now I must. My love to all the neighbors friends kindred and all. Say to them I have not time to write round to them now.

Your affectionate husband
Jas. W. Terrell

Mrs. Ann E. Terrell

P.S. I send you \$5.00 inclosed Clines furlough is ten days hew will start back about the 10th
Yours Jas, W.T.

N.B. The Captain says I will have to go home on business for the company in a few weeks.