

April 22<sup>d</sup> 1862

To my Dear parents

I steal a few moments from my  
country's service to write to you my dear parents & who have  
nourished me into manhood. all the <sup>off any value</sup> returns I can make you  
are the assurances of gratitude and of pursuing a life of Honor  
and virtue My daily petition is that I may live to do these things  
in your presence Providence however seems to have designed  
otherwise for the present but I humbly resign myself to its  
determinations. Volumes would not suffice to tell the history of  
my thoughts or transactions. I must therefore leave them until  
heaven shall permit us to meet personally which I hope will be in  
about four months. I am a going to take part in the coming battle  
if possible whether my regiment does or not I hope I shall be  
able to capture some trophy to fetch home to you as well as to  
hope to my country. Ask your blessing and prayers for my prosper<sup>ity</sup>  
I want you to kiss my little sisters for me and tell them  
that I love them with the greatest affection I am sorry that  
my fortune has separated me from them. but I leave them with you  
to god Tell to do the best he can until I come home and  
may that great and good Being who delights in the  
cheerful praises of his creatures bless us all  
I have the honor to be with the most  
heartfelt gratitude and affection Your dutifull son  
Cassimer

~~As~~ you need not write until you hear from me again  
for the mail arrangement will be changed



