

In Pirouca near
Stephens town

My dear one, Sept 19th 1862

I wrote in pencil
a few minutes since. But
as it is more than probable
that the letter may not
go promptly and as I have
an opportunity to Winchester,
I will write again.
It grieves me to have to
say that - Poor Dr Parran
has been killed, He fell
shot through the head
on the day before yester-
day. He unfortunately joined
the Wise Artillery as a vol-
unteer for the day, and was
killed. Poor Jennie how my
heart bleeds for her. The
Dr had gained a great

many friends by his gentle
manly conduct & kindness
to the sick. He was with
me a great deal since
we came here & all who
met him seemed to be fond
of him. Mr. Cross now seems
to grieve as much as if
he was a new relative,
Mr. Carver the body to
ship hands down to his Aunt
Mrs. Jones who will give
him a decent burial,
Perrin got his watch and
Pocket book, Perrin & W^m
are quite well. The former
was to breakfast with us
this morn - we have gained
some brilliant victories in
the last few weeks but
have lost a great many

of our best men, Asper
Fury was the fight of the
was in its results to our
cause. We whipped the
Yanks on the day before
yesterday, over in Maryland
but our men need rest so
much that we have come
over this side to rest, The loss
in our Battery was one killed
two wounded, and two
horses. Thank Heaven I am
yet spared. You do not know
how thankful I am; Mr. Hus
Just come & is now sitting in
front of me as I write he
seems a good deal fagged
as indeed all of ^{us} are, he desires
me to give his love to you
& all, and desires that you
will let them know at

Welfare of Jennie's (Lass), May
the Father of Mercier, Comfort
and protection her & her in-
fant, I hope that we
will now be able to
hear from each other often
as the mails go through
How much I want to
know that you & our
dear ones & our relatives
are all well & living
in safety from all evils,
-is, Heaven protect you
all, ever yours.

Wm. J. Ford

Handwritten text, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page. The text is mirrored and difficult to decipher due to its orientation and fading. It appears to contain several lines of prose, possibly a letter or a document fragment. The handwriting is cursive and somewhat slanted. At the bottom of the page, there is a large, stylized signature or name, which is also mirrored from the reverse side.