

In Camp near Falling Creek

March 14<sup>th</sup> 1863

My dear Mother

Although I  
wrote you on yesterday  
I cannot resist the  
impulse that is on me  
to write again today  
In my last letter my con-  
-sent was given for you  
to come on to Virginia  
provided Mrs Jones or some  
other lady with whom you  
were willing to be associated  
would accompany you and  
remain with you constantly  
without such an arrange-  
-ment could be made I  
am unwilling for you  
to make the venture and

was then it will in my  
opinion be an undertaking  
of much risk incumbrance  
and trouble in view of  
which I have concluded  
to make application for  
a furlough in order that  
we may enjoy the pleasure  
of meeting each other without  
imposing so much trouble  
upon our dear self. It  
will require at least a  
week (perhaps more) for  
the application to make  
the rounds and in the event  
of failure, which I  
consider almost certain  
I will notify you  
immediately but do not  
worry particularly be so much

glated at the idea prospect  
of a recession but - a  
corresponding depression  
should follow upon the  
failure of our plans  
which I consider almost-  
certain.

There is not a word of  
news here, everything is  
dull and monotonous  
as ever, I find myself  
often - I may say constant-  
ly thinking of my dear  
absent wife and wishing  
for the time to come when  
war & rumors of war  
shall cease in the land  
in order that we may  
dwell together in peace  
and happiness, but

Write  
Forget  
The  
Tobacco  
needs  
that.  
I would  
You in  
a letter  
March 18  
Wrote to  
Mail by letter  
Wednesday  
Am. Spect.  
Mellie's  
Morning  
Shall send  
up my app  
lications  
for perhaps  
Common  
if will  
be a week  
before  
I can hear  
from it.  
Good bye  
Mellie

I am so sorry to be  
a truant. You speak of  
a trip in contemplation  
to Meriville & don't  
know of any particular  
good that could be ac-  
complished as you wish  
have no one to remain with  
you at home. Would it  
not be better for you  
to defer it till summer  
when your father or some  
friend would like to  
accompany you on a  
sort of pleasure trip.  
Well I am at the bottom  
of my page & so must close  
Good bye. Adieu your  
devoted husband  
Wm. Harris