

Camp 26th Va. Regt.
Burton's Farm
March 1st 1863

My dear Pat-

It has been some time since Dick left, and I have been delaying writing to you until John Longest returned - but today being the Sabbath, and the weather having been very threatening so that I could go no where to church, I have concluded to commence a letter to you, my absent one. It indeed appears a very long while since I left you and my quiet home, and how even now do I yearn to be still there. I hope however that the time may not be very far distant when I shall return to you for good. At least I thought so at one time, but events are taking a new turn, and dark clouds are still threatening us in the future. I see that the party supporting Abe Lincoln is determined on our subjugation and have passed a Conscript Law at the North to have 3 million of men upon us during the next campaign. The Frankfort Convention (the peace conference) has been dispersed by order of Lincoln, and there can be but little hope from the Northern peace-makers. Thus, to our mortal eyes - times are darkening again around us, but God knows best and will deliver us in His own good time. But how dreadfully tired have I become of this terrible war, and how my heart turns to home in its longings for quiet and rest and comfort amid my family.

You know that when I was at home, we spoke of sending Harrison over with the cook with some refreshments. You had better not send him until the roads get in better condition. You have no idea of their terrible state. I suppose Dick did not bring you all the things you wished him to get in Richmond. This, as I wrote you before he could not do on account of the roads and the condition of the buggy. Before we got to Richmond on our trip the axle was bent and it cost me \$8 in Richmond to have it fixed, but before getting out of town I found that it was as bad as before. The pole also gave way - in short we had many trials in getting to Camp. Dick was afraid to carry back any load for fear the old buggy would not last him home. But I suppose he has arrived safe before now. We have had the worst of weather ever since I left home. The ground has been either covered with snow or completely saturated with water. The atmosphere too has been all the time very damp, and the consequence is we have a good deal of sickness from cold and fever. I have had a cold myself, but am now very well.

Bernard, I suppose, you have not seen, but I asked John Longest to go over to see you, thinking he might bring a letter from you if you had time to write. I reckon Mrs. Longest was rejoiced to see her John and his little children very happy to see their Papa. I shall expect a letter by him. Bernard sold "the chain"-you know I told you he would at dinner table - the day after he got it. He is for converting every little thing he has into money.

Tell Lewis he must hurry up the plowing as soon as the weather opens, and start two double ploughs by getting the mare from Dick's, if he can get out the manure in time. I suppose this weather he can carry on the fencing and grubbing and get ready for a push towards planting corn time. Impress on Cousin Jack the importance of getting rid of the ram at my

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Dear Sir

It has been some time since I last saw you and I have been thinking
of you much lately. I am sure that you are well and happy and that
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over to see you, thinking he might bring a letter from you if you had time
to write. I reckon that I suppose was obliged to see her down and his little
children very happy to see their mother. I shall expect a letter by mail.
I think you know I told you he would be home again. The
day after the 10th. He has been counting every minute since he was
gone.

Well, I am sure that you are well and happy and that the weather
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house and getting a better one. There is another matter I wish to call his attention to. Wm. A. Wright had \$75 to collect for me from the Broughton Est. and as he has been killed I should like for him to see to the papers and how far Wm. Alfred progressed with it. Don't let him forget to settle with Thos. Croxton and get a deed for Plainview. This is very important.

I was not surprised to hear of Fuller's death as, when I heard he had the pneumonia at first, I expected the disease had attack his lungs. So when coming through Richmond Wm. Phillips told me of it, it did not take me by surprise.

I have not been to Richmond yet to have my likeness taken, but I intend to do so, and am fully intent on your having it.

I shall wait now, dear Pat, to see if Jno. Longest comes tonight and then I will conclude my letter.

John Longest has gotten in and brought me your letter. When I go to Richmond I shall get you an almanac and pay for the Messenger. I shall send you the bale of cotton No. 6 or 7 by the first opportunity. About selling Fuller, you know I could not do it as I was not then allowed to go to Richmond. To our eyes it may have turned out bad, but in the eyes of the Lord it is all right. If I had sold him then I could not have paid for the land, for Capt. Haile would not receive the money.

Now, accept my best love for yourself and the children, and may the Lord still be with you, is my prayer.

Yr husband

Jos. L. Pollard

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how far and also to contact with Mr. Whitehead for the matter with
Mrs. Crocker and get a card for the same. This is very important.

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heard the same at first. I expect the disease had been long
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I have not seen Mr. Richmond yet to have my letter. I
intend to do so and will bring it on your leaving day.

I shall wait now, dear Bob, to see if you, please come tonight
and then I will conclude my letter.

Your message has gotten in and brought me your letter. When I go
to Richmond I shall get an amanuensis to pay for the messenger. I shall
send you the date of my return. I shall be at the first opportunity. About
writing further you know I could not do it as I was not then allowed to
go to Richmond. In our eyes it may have turned out but in the eyes
of the Lord it is all right. If I had said this then I could not have
said for me and for God. He will not receive the money.

How accept my best love for yourself and the children, and may the
Lord will be with you, as my prayer.

Your husband

Wm. H. Pollock