Dayton, Aug. 4th, 1861

Dear Husband,

The many trials and disappointments I have at length got your letter. Uncle John looked last night. Father went twice this morning without success. Weller Breck finally brought it from Mr. Brown's desk. By the way, that gentlement left sudden for Washington on Friday, so that all hope of having him for company is at an end, and I am very sorry for I dreaded the journey extensively.

You seem anxious for all of us to come; it may be better, so you may make your arrangements accordingly without further objection on my part. I had supposed my plan the most economical and felt freed of household cares Besides, but if your way is best and we can have all with us, I must give up my idea of being relieved from housekeeping.
Is there furniture for a girl room? Must I bring my case? I suppose a sewing machine is part of the question, but I shall miss it more than anything else in the house.

(Close, yellow letter) says Kate Pickett.

We have six baskets; I will bring them, tablecloths, table linens, including the young ladies. The speech at the dinner on Court House was made to be interesting.

The speech that he had was made a speech in his life and didn't know how to; that he had done these things under this charge and took the best care of them he could, and that was the end thereof. They seem to have met with a warm reaction, and all thoughts of coronet are entirely expelled out of their heads.

I have cut out some of the pictures of them which I will try to remember for you. Schuck makes his appearance in the Crystal by a 'Dancing Skirt'. There was not expected I believe, and his grandson created some little sensation. It is said that there is a probability of his being placed under that.
I don't believe you ever realized how much I suffered at that time. By the way, how shall I bring the flesh bushes along? If there were a cultivation at the house and are flat stones (weeds in them, there are of course unnecessary unless you wish them) — how big a loss can I exact and how heavy may it be? I have not yet spoken to Lieutenant and will not unless I hear of your confirmation. A vote may send you home and then what a quantity of unnecessary planning we will have done!

Fanci Olden is sick at Janesville and his mother and father have gone to nurse him. They think he is doing well however.

Jerome and Jack Shephard speak well of him; the latter said he was very superior to his own captain.

Howard is driving out now, but looks weak and pale. Mrs. Brady and Eliza are doing pretty well. Mrs. Brady had been unfortunate and lost his trunk, and, I suspect, is very homesick.
sick, you would have taken Mary out to Joe Crain's, and she has kept a nervous escape for two of the chance girls up out there, and the General and Ily are going this week. You will have a delightful time I imagine.

Well, dear One, I could talk if you were here, but my pen does not run very fast. As for results, I shall be obliged to take them in my company takes, and will let you know as soon as I do myself. You seem to be having rather a jolly time; I did not expect Officers could do as in war times. This sort of writing must be left to do boy to find out all the questions I have asked and answer them, anticipate anything I might ask. Have often thought about

Andrew and pay the rent.

Good night dear Lottie; I cannot write any longer.

Monday Morn—Nothing to add this morning. All in sound health.

Good bye.

Augusta