Dear Husband,

May going brightly to meet your sunshine, would that it was as bright within! There are many dear wish to day I doubt not, for the troops leave tomorrow, and many encamp so much danger as any now in the field I understand that some expect to go to Kentucky, and perhaps further.

I heard that Simon Hall was going, and as the sister has felt very much for me, I naturally returned the sympathy yesterday. However, I met her and Elizabeth in a store, and thought she did not look very sad, yet was afraid to ask her the question as what happened, she told me that her brother of the old man was going as a volunteer. A brother could not have made me feel
a great deal better I suppose, still there is much difference, and she is in a pretty family, what seems so to me.

She is as loath to come out the door, he’s not going; but I thought about your yesterday’s meaning that she had thought

Then that he would go, and could fully enter into my feelings.

David, my companion, says he is all right, but still goes and since a young man in his place; if he will be accepted, which he does not think likely as he is not quite eighteen. I was very glad yesterday he was going as that is all he can do for his country.

I have been invited by a grand maister, the boys have been grumbling because there was an attempt to go to church all the time and they kept at home.

Billy put in such that she told them, and so she happens to be in a great frame I have wanted. Rob wants to know whether she could go now Sunday

but I advised him to wait till after the fourth this time before asking for another day.

Mrs. Davis offers to come married in the church next Sunday evening, to a Philadelphia gentleman, and I am in the sick

might train for her one home.

I am very anxious to know whether Robert has returned. If there is anything he can know concerning your affairs, but I shall hardly be able to hear them today as I have been out all day.

Immediately after seeing your letter on Friday I sat down and wrote you a short answer, and letter you that Mr. Talbot had promised to come to the station and carry the letter in case of his chase. I believe he did so yesterday, to ask if I have not seen, since I spoke to him about the matter on Friday.

Ellie’s letter came last night, as just as the rest, and deeply felt. The pretty lilt
flowers she put carefully away with those you sent one, saying she meant to keep them as long as she lived. I hope she may be blessed with many another letter from the same dear Father.

May this call for the National Guard be the precursor of great successes! The men are all good-humored, as far as I can hear and see: one can't help laughing at their jokes as they pass each other in the street. The caps' heads make many over their going, but possibly they will raise a howl when the draft is made, which is expected soon.

A year ago today I was sorrowful at my speedy departure for home, leaving you awaiting orders, and a perilous trial before me. The expectant little one now lies smooth old, his sleeping in her cradle, and I am safe, yet sorrow still! Yet by another first of May, not only you, but the whole nation may have passed safely through those perilous times and all be joyful together! But not all, for many families will hardly feel the loss.
Evening — since writing the above I have been to Roberts. He came home last evening. He says he fears you have no chance for that place; as it is thought that if any Chinaman gets it, it will be a condemned brute. I think finally as the man, Sherman said he should use his influence for him and not for the person you supposed.

As for the coming battle, he thought perhaps two men, Grant and the President, might know when it would take place, possibly Grant only.

Serge Batten go down as soon as it is well and is the telegraph soon one in Washington, she will telegraph Robert so that we may have the earliest post the tidings from you; I hope it can be done, and we not kept in suspense about you. — Don't forget to get the book for you which Robert intended to send in the saddle bags.
The Gray roll has brought home to have courier, and indeed it cannot be done.

We were just going to attend communion service, but I had to remain at home but I stayed only a few minutes to stay and see.

I stopped at Mr. Braggs’ house to walk out into the garden with my daughter in the evening. I was not going. I slept at Mr. Braggs’ pocket out into the garden with some little walks with difficulty.

Sally said it to tomorrow as a substitute, and is veryiful the evening.

Little Mary is veryiful this evening.

And I could have to take her. I would find something else to tell you before going back.

The place is otherwise disposed of the mind to try to feel unsatisfied about the man, this man has a better right.

But if he wished to have done well, and

something did get them up for me, my feet

think now, not to get you out safely, and let

time bring us the needed support. I did feel
disappointed at first when Robert told me all, but after