

This letter will be briefer than any I
have sent you lately, I trust how-
ever the information it conveys
will ~~more~~ than make up for its
brevity. — Love to all friends.

Faithfully thine;
Lucas.

Fort Hamilton

August 11th 1861

My dear wife:

Yours of the 7th reached me
last night. — I will answer Friend Bell to-
day. — I will attend also to Ricky & his,
myself. — I am not prepared to-day to
give you an specific direction, in relation to
the route you ought to take, as I wish.
To-morrow or Monday I will write to you,
and I do not wish you to start un-
til you hear from me again, as I may
possibly come home & settle up my affairs,
so that I can leave without ~~any~~ in-
convenience. I can get a longer leave of
absence, ^{now} than I may be able to when my
battalion is recruited, and I am dis-
posed to take advantage of it. If I get
leave I shall hardly be able to get away
before Wednesday, but I will send a letter
in advance ^{of me} a twelve or twenty four if it is
possible.

I have had a visit this afternoon from Jonathan Hankman & E. F. Drake (of Xenia). I made myself as agreeable as I could, forgetting some old grudges I have against each, as it was proper I should under the circumstances. I think it highly probable that Jonathan voted against me last Spring, but if he feels any better for having done so, let him enjoy it to the full.

I went to the city yesterday to see Gov. Linn, but was not successful. He was cluttered with the financial party. I wished to see him especially to get him interested in the son of one of my new made military friends; but as he would not have been able, on all probabilities to assist him, perhaps it is just as well that I did not see him. In fact, I began to feel before I was fairly embarked in the business, that I had suffered my good nature to put me in a position that might eventually prove em-

barassing. — It has been oppressively warm to-day, warmer a good deal than any day we have had before. We still managed to get along very comfortably.

You may have noticed in the telegrams an announcement of the arrival of our John Williams at Boston. The young gentleman arrived here this morning and was duly employed in our calaboose where he will have ample opportunity to meditate upon the error of his passion weeks. He holds a commission in the regular army and was at the Bull Run fight, very likely, yet he had the effrontery to visit Washington & go to the President's levee, was it he independent? Tyler who was arrested at Court will probably be sent to this place also. We have a fine nest of traitors here now and ~~will~~ probably make numerous additions to it as the days roll on.