Fort Hamilton
May 10th, 1873

My dear wife:

I suppose you are safely at home and now fairly well recovered from your long and trying ride. The sight of dear Helen and Frank I imagine was enough of itself to ensure you forget your fatigue, to say nothing of the many other dear ones who were anxiously expecting you. I would have given almost anything to have been there to enjoy your arrival.

We saw so little of each other the last day that I scarcely know who you saw, the day you left.

The 1st: I think was sort of the number, judging from the condition she was in when I reached home. She was not better the next day, and the judge martial was obliged to adjourn over to Saturday.
To enable him to straighten up.
I went to the mess on Saturday having lived upon the remainder of our provisions on Friday. I am pretty well pleased with the mess I think I shall take my meals there on account of its convenience, particularly in case of sickness.

Capt. Patnam is getting better but is not yet able to come out. His case led me to think that on the whole it was better to go into the mess. He would have a hard time getting anything to eat if he ever trudging with 4th Btg. From the table as far as I have seen it, I think the mess is paying a good deal too much for what they get. The same rule ought to be enforced for a good deal less money, and would if the colonel would devote some of his time to the interest of the mess. But that is scope to be expected.

I went to town yesterday to get my watch. Saw Prentiss on the street and had a little talk with him about town. He left after the Val. rich had been suppressed and gave me some of the particulars of that affair. Notwithstanding I should like to hear from John Howard on the subject, Let him, if he has recovered from that attack of nervous care, I should like to hear what he has to say on the subject. — By the way, the I intend to write to him in a day or two, I wish you would get him or the Ferry to inquire whether my policy on our house will be affected by the present arrangement. I do not suppose it will be, but inquiry might as well be made of the Mutual Ins. Co. on the subject if necessary get their consent to it.