Franklin Street. In there she is very much like Charley Joule. I have heard that when away on leave of absence he generally goes home drunk and remains so while there. You have very little idea how disgusting he is when very drunk, and how little help one woman can prove in a perfect or low for him. Perhaps my undisturbedly, I congratulate Miss Mary on the first tooth, I hope she will get through with them all before next summer. So Emma E. Lee got her name in the newspaper, she has made an evening dress. By the way, the Robert went back to Washington yet? I suppose he would by this time. Perhaps the has some business at home which shall detain him. I wrote to him some time since and am anxious to know when he does come, that I may try to see him. People tell the fretment of a soldier's life; they do know how dreary and dull it is for about nine tenths of the time. We saw leaving the reservoir Park west with a vengeance. Remember me to Lellah Bank.

Notterville Run

FEB 1, 1864

My dear wife,

Your letter dated the 27th post-marked the 28th was received this evening. When the mail came, I hoped to answer it, but there appeared to be no letter for me, so I sat down disconsolate to play long-levon-up with Capt. Ritenour. While playing an officer came in and began to overhaul the pile. He presently handed me one which he said appeared to belong to me. I took it very coolly, you may be sure. Reading your letter is about the only comfort I have, for I haven't got quite reconciled to sitting down in the mud and spading the walk, as it now seems my lotting. The newspaper today contains the Proclamation announcning another
of 500,000 men. That's the way to do it. I hope the War powers have determined to have enough men to finish up the rebellion this summer. It can be done if the clerk of our regiment is all full, but not without. We are beginning to think the job is too easy, and we shall undoubtedly find some hard places before the war is over. If we are thinking the task a hard one, and work ourselves accordingly, I guess it will all come right.

We have had just such measles as you describe, but it is pretty much forgotten in the past few weeks. Days of rain and fog have rained all last night and made it foggy to-night. — Bad weather keeps us close at home, and going about is rather disagreeable, on account of the guerillas. I shall have something always under my command to-morrow and then we can take care of ourselves when we take a side. My Head Quarters is on Hill which is not much elevated above the land near me, still commands a very fine view of the surrounding country. These past ridden over it yet but shall in a few days. — I have ridden out about ten miles with my officers generally.

At present Capt. S. is on a big drum. He went to Alexandria to attend a Court martial in a matter and came back in two or three days on a high old buck. I have seen him out of his tent to present scandal. When he get to town again I mean to tell him such conduct won't answer, and if he transgresses, I will make a matter again. I shall send here back to the regiment. You know Dr. E. is Mr. Meade's brother-in-law, and would not have been on his staff but for his dignit