

Who sell a - before this time - I was glad to get on from  
now. You think it would improve her to write  
congratulations?

fighting with him before we  
reach Richmond. I rec'd  
letter from Robert last night.  
He tells me that the appointment  
given to Ohio will probably  
be given to a wounded Col whose  
name he did not write plain-  
enough for me to make it out.  
It seems to settle my case, how-  
ever, which is sufficient - if  
I should have the luck to be  
wounded, in the next fight,  
perhaps I might get it! if  
it has not in the meantime  
been given to that other fellow.  
- that bookstand was made  
by 73 year, but I think he  
the price was \$6. I had for-  
gotten it, but should have re-  
membered it if he had call-  
ed it by its right name  
in his bill. You have my  
letter to Sarah - if she doesn't

love to you all. I've done a line of work  
I've my appointment -

Camp near Brand Station  
May 1. 64

My Dear Wife:

Your letter of the 24<sup>th</sup>

reached me at our camp near  
Bealston. We left our camp  
yesterday morning at 8 o'clock  
and marched to near Bealston.  
The day was warm, but the march  
was quite pleasant, and as we  
could take my own time, the  
men were not much tired. The  
march however was not a very  
hard one. We left Beal-  
ton at 8 and went out camp  
here about half past one.  
The day was pleasant, warm  
but cloudy, but <sup>the</sup> woods were a  
little drier, not sufficiently so

to army. The cirloflowers  
are becoming plenty. The ground  
we have over to-day, was in  
many places covered with vio-  
lets, and the little flowers  
specimens of which I sent you  
the other day. The fruit trees  
are in bloom, the red-buds  
are in bloom, dog-wood is  
peering out, and some other  
trees, none of which have I  
been close enough to, to tell  
what they are, if I knew.  
Perhaps I shall have a chance  
to send you a flower now  
and then and will of course  
do so, should I find any new  
ones to send.

You will not

really suppose the army is  
concentrating and that we  
shall have a fight soon.  
Well, the army is collect-  
ing here, but whether we  
shall have a fight here soon  
is doubtful. That is a sub-  
ject upon which Gen. Grant  
has not spoken and we  
shall not know much about  
it until his plans are fur-  
ther developed. I myself  
think the battle will open  
near Richmond, probably  
on the James river; if the ef-  
fect of that should be to  
make Lee fall back, we  
shall probably pull out here  
very shortly & have some