I am anxious to hear what answer you will make to my last two letters, referring to keeping house. I believe I have never described a casemate to you yet, so I will make the attempt tonight. The room I am writing in is about twelve feet wide of 18 ft. long, with an arched ceil ing. I have an small bed-room, just large enough to trest a bed along in the middle, and in the rear in the gun room, with an embrasure about two feet by 18 inches, with four holes for windows. The walls are very thick and over the arch overhead there is a thick layer of earth upon which the grass grows luxuriantly. So you see that although we are alone and nothing grows in the garden growing over our heads, just as if we had decided to kingdom come. The earth is glorying over our heads, I suppose, cause the sampuets, of which all the officers

I send you a piece of the 4thicker flag.

Fort Hamilton

August 23rd 1861

I confidently hoped, my dear one, that I should hear from you this night, but the mail brought no letter. Better luck to-morrow perhaps.

It will find my receipt from the Commissary in the lower left hand pig, your note of my desk, or in an envelope in one of the pigeon holes in the safe, or in the top left hand pigeon hole of the safe, there may be some in each place. The luck receipt is there, so that you will know how much subscription is owing.

One may as well discount the Gazette if you hear of my confirmation; if you hear something else, you can write till I return.

Tell John Howard to take up the check, which I tell told against the
and surrender the Collateral, I hold. I wish he would come there pay over at least $200 & I would like to have taken up the Hydraulic Co’s draft & Wm. Beattie & Wickford’s note. I hope he will urge my wife strongly to make them come down. I don’t think they are as safe as they might be if I can see me let up to these hard times. Before they are over I am afraid we shall all go to pot together. I want the money out of their hands & if it can not all be got at once let them take what he can get out & wait a little while for the balance. Sam. prefers a great respect for Beattie & if he will only talk directly to him pretty strong I think he can manage him very easily. He has but a great deal to do now & I suppose, so he may as well do that as anything else, or nothing.

Your announcement of Jerry’s departure for the Prairie Chickas War moved me to think the next day to buy the powder he sent for by me & going off in a desperate lury I did not take any money with me & so was unable to pay for it. The agent promised to send it to-morrow. If he does it will reach Dayton in about 3 days and if Jerry’s supply is short you can send him some.

The Shooting Season came on me now & I should have attended to the business sooner, but the weather has been so warm that I have never worn the coat to the lift or which was Jerry’s memorandum. This is so we are in good Ryiey, however, for the truth is I was not as clear as I might have been.
except myself, complain so loudly. It is not nearly as bad here or it is at Fort Pickett, for there Major Eliott told me, the green mail I will grow up on your shoes in two days. Our cases mat, have no back down to them, t there is no way of getting out of them into the ditch gave thus the warm-burrow and that doubly up the back-think. Confoundedly, I don’t the second tier of cornfleece could yet this at all without a great deal of trouble. — I neglected to tell you, I believe, that I have had a visit from Mr. Burrowes, and some Dr. of Brookerc. We had a very pleasant chat and I received their with much cordially wish that there was nobody like him — all on Belle’s account you know, of course!

How are the sisters? Don’t forget
Keep me posted about them. What has become of Robert? Could it be the venerable Micmacan ride to home occasionally? Has Pierre come home? Well if he had better get him a place in the grand army, has anything been heard of Sand? How do he and the Indian get along? I hope they will be kind to each other and have a good time generally. August 8th.

No letter to-day—what is the matter? In my next please send my Life Insurance Policy. I shall probably know tomorrow whether I am a Major or not. If I am rejected you may count upon seeing me very soon; if I am not I shall expect to have you here very soon—to that we shall meet soon any way. But if I go to D. doubt whether you will care much to see me, for I shall be crossed them a bear with a sore head. I hope I may hear from you tomorrow, particularly if the bear from Washington crossed more to S. Good we decent old love. Euchon.
Mrs. Luther B. Brown

Dayton
Ohio

Aug. 7, 1861
H. Pickens' flag
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