

Talking of going to Merceer you  
can please your self about going there  
i dont care for my self you are welcome  
to go it will make it a little un handy  
for me to send you any letters and  
money but if you are afraid of the children  
you better go if i should happen to come  
home i can find for you we are  
looking for another fight dont know  
how soon if Richmond was taken the  
warr will soon be at an end but  
there will be money Brave men killed  
Although i may escape the same as  
i did the last battle send me sum  
postage stamps i can get plenty  
of paper and envelopes here at  
one cent each

your Affectionate  
Husband Thomas Direct the same as  
usual Kiss Ellie and the baby

For me my love to all that  
enquires for me i am well

Fanny Stock gives his love to C. G. G.  
and Mrs Jessop and family

his wife after

Dear Bella June 12<sup>th</sup> 1862  
I write these few lines hoping they will find  
you and Ellie and the little baby in good health as  
heaves me at present thanks be to god for all his gift  
we are in the same camp we have been here ten days  
i dont know how long we may remain here  
we have over tents and napknaps and keber sa  
and blankets and other things that we want i wrote  
three letters in this month one on Sandspandy i got  
a letter from you on that i send your paper and in  
and Stamp back to you and a five dollar note in the  
i hope you have had it safe but i shall want sum  
money before long Cheese is here forty cents a pound  
and tobacco fifty and sixty cents a plug Eggs forty  
cents a dozen butter from forty to fifty cents a pound  
Small round Ginger bread cakes twenty five  
cents a dozen i can eat a dozen at one meal  
eassey you can by then there two for a cent so  
you see a dollar wont last long i hope the war  
will soon be over and i shall live to come home  
i have not pull my shoes off to sleep for the last  
three weeks and all ways sleeping with all my  
clothes on we are call up at four o'clock every  
morning and the Rolle is call and foron in line  
and stand at over arms about an over every  
morning and make fires and every one cooks is  
morning meal i am tire ed of this hard life but  
hope i will soon be home where i can have my