

Jimmy McIlveen,
Jay Watson,
Jim Blackmon
Little Honey

Galveston, April 29th 1865.

Since writing to you I have received your letters of the 9th, 13th & 16th of April; the two first arrived two or three days since; the last, this evening. I have been very uneasy about the baby; your letter received this evening, however, somewhat, though not entirely, reassures me. I am becoming a good deal uneasy about you also Little Darling; in your other letters you mention that you have had for some time a very troublesome cough; in the last one, you say you have quite a severe pain in the shoulder and breast. Little Honey, my own darling little wife, you must take more, and better, care of yourself. I know perfectly well your disposition to worry, and do all the work about the children yourself; to get up in the night to wait upon them; now that must be stopped. You ought to recollect, Little Honey, that with me it is exactly as if I had no one in the world to love, or be loved by, but yourself. It is very true that I love the children, but Little Darling, when I think of you in comparison with any one, or all others, it seems to me that you are my "all in all". I have commenced writing late this evening, on account of having just received your letter, & having some leisure time, but do not expect to finish until to-morrow; Jimmy McIlveen & Jay Watson start up on Monday, that is day after to-morrow, and I will send the letter by one of them. By the way, Little Honey, two or three of the company

have come from home recently, all of whom say
that they saw your father in town about the
time they were starting, & still no letter from you
by any of them. I know perfectly well that it is
not your fault, but then I would like to know
the reason of it. There is no late news of interest
except what you have probably learned through the
papers. Lincoln & Seward being killed seems
to be regarded as a kind of offset to the surrender
of Lee & his army. The number surrendered by Lee
has settled down to something less than 12,000, and
they seem to have been mostly detached men, reserves
&c; if such is the case they are but very little
loss. The loss in machinery, stores &c. however, was
very large; for the Confederacy, it was immense,
and one which will not be easily recovered from.
I have not a particle more of doubt as to the
result of this war now, than I had three years
ago, or at its commencement; I think however
it is fast tending towards a Guerrilla arrangement,
In some respects that would suit me very well;
there would then be no dodgers or shirkers; every
body would have to be on one side or the other;
and, best of all, I think it would take but a very
short time for Guerrillas to make a clear saddle
of Speculators, extortioners, and all the other species
of the bumpkin kind, who have been infesting the
Confederacy. On the other hand, it would be terrible
on women & children, and in that I am particularly
interested. There is one thing however very certain.

if events do turn out in that way, whenever I
may go, & in whatever I may engage, I shall always
keep you very near to me. But I will ~~not~~ endeav-
or not to anticipate any thing further of a gloomy
character; it is bad enough any how, without the
trouble of anticipating. I have just heard of Jim
Blackmen's death; very bad is it not? It was very
unexpected also: for the last news received from
him was that he would probably, by this time, have
been exchanged. In fact I was fully expecting to
hear of his being at home, instead of his death.
I will close now, Little Henry, until to-morrow.
I have been a little sick for a day or two; a very
bad cold, disordered system &c, which makes me feel
more gloomy than I would otherwise be; by to-morrow
however I hope to be not only in better health, but
better spirits.

April 30th 1865

Little Darling -

There is nothing more in the
way of news to-day than there was yesterday;
some rumors, but no reliance placed in them.
One is that President Andy Johnson & Stanton, the
Federal Sec'y of War, have been assassinated;
another, that Genl Joe. Johnston has whipped
Sherman. Very good, both of them, if true.
If the game of killing the U. S. Presidents is
properly kept up, it will soon be so that no one
will accept the position; that it will probably
produce so much confusion, and in fact,
anarchy, it will interfere very much with

their proper administration of affairs, and
therefore give us a much better chance in
this war. As a general thing, I am very much
opposed to assassination, but when it comes to
killing such men as Lincoln, Johnson, Seward
&c, men who have been the cause of slaughtering
thousands of our best people, and who have made
desolate thousands of homes in the Confederacy,
I approve it very highly; for they deserve death
richly, and as they do not expose themselves to
any of the dangers of battles, or which they im-
-pose upon others, I think it a very proper plan
to kill them in any manner whatever in
which it can be accomplished.

I am not getting along quite as well as usual;
I have been about half sick for two or three
days, & don't appear to be getting over it; I can
sympathize with you as to the cough you
complain of; for I do considerable coughing
myself. I think though, that in a day or two,
I will be entirely well. I have a piece of Calico
to make me a shirt, which I will send to you
by the first practicable opportunity. Say to
Bobolinks that I received her letter, and will
write her one in a very few days. It's a
delightful child's letter. Little Henry; just exactly
the way she talks. Kiss the children for me Little Susie
and, please mam, try to take good care of yourself. Write frequently
be,