Galveston, April 29th, 1865.

Little Henry,

Since writing to you I have received your letters of the 9th, 13th, and 16th of April; the two first-mentioned 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, soothes me. I am becoming a good deal uneasy about you also. Little darling, in your letter 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 Henry, 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 Henry, 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 tomorrow. Jimmy McCallum and Pag Watson start up on Monday, that is day after to-morrow, and I will send the latter by one of them.

By the way, Little Henry, two or three of the company...
have come from home recently, all of whom said that they saw your father in town about the time they were starting, but 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 & Secord being killed seems to be regarded as a kind of offset to the surrender of Lee & his army. The number surrendered by Lee was settled down to something less than 12,000, and they seem to have been mostly detailed men; so, if such is the case they are but very little lost. The loss in Machinery, Stores &c. &c. even was very large; for the Confederacy it was immense, and one which will not be easily recouped. 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; then would there be no dodgers or shirkers; every body would have to be on one side or the other; and, but of all, I think it would take but a very short time for Guerrillas to make a clean ridicule of Speculators, Extortioners, and all the other species of the vampire kind who have been injuring 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, wherever I may go, I in whatever I may engage, I shall always keep you very near to me. But if I will not endeavor to anticipate anything further of a pleasing nature else; it is dead enough as it is, without the trouble of anticipating. I have just heard of John Blackman's death; very bad is it not? It was very unexpected alive; 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 one; until to-morrow.

I have been a little sick for a day or two, a very bad cold, &c. but I think system &c. which makes me feel to some extent stronger than I thought at times, &c. tomorrow 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. Her, good, both of them, if true.

If the game of killing the U.S. President is properly kept up, it will soon be so that no one will accept the position; that will probably produce so much confusion, and in fact, anarchy, it will interfere very much with
their proper administration of affairs, and
therefore gives us a much better chance in
this regard as a general thing. I am too much
opposed to assassination, but when it comes to
killing such men as Lincoln, Johnson, Sewan
et, 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 oppose it very highly, for they deserve death
richly, and as they do not expose themselves to
any of the dangers of battle in 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 the ten or
fifteen 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 cloth
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. Tell it a
delightful child's letter. Little Lucy just exactly
the way she talks. Kiss the children for me. Little darling
and please mum, try to take good care of yourself. Write frequently.