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March 8, 1865

Annapolis Md

March 8th 1865

My Dear Frank

I am in "God's Country" again. I was paroled for exchange at North East Bridge near Wilmington, N.C. I am pretty well only a cold caught on board the ship off Cape Hateras on the way hither. I hope to see you before long. I suppose I shall get a leave of absence before 2 weeks have elapsed. I shall know more in the future. I hope you still remember me as of the former times when you told me I had won your heart. The my dear you was 18 & blooming as a rose. But now you have grown older as I have also. But shall that separate whom God has joined together. Frank I've always been true to you. You have my affections which I have sometimes thought you doubted. Tho I always knew you loved me, that is I mean when your mother used to laugh at you and tell you I was jilting you.

You remember there was a long time when I did not come to see you. Don't you? Well. that's the time, I mean, that I believe you thought I at least was treating you ill. Is that not so? Tell me now, do you love me or not for if there is any misunderstanding between us and we should get married, we, at least, would be guilty of perjury & sin against our God.

Have you kept in good health? Are you ready to marry? If so, please tell me in your letter to me. Write to me at Zanesville for I presume I will not be here when your letter comes here. I am ready to marry as soon as I see you & arrange my military affairs. I ask you if you are ready, that is, have you an outfit. If you need money, send me word in your next.

Frank, burn this immediately will you not? It would look so simple to anyone else, but to me it is my true sentiments to you. I love you as well as one man can love the woman of his choice among others.

Tell me all the news. Westbrook, Wash Hull, Bill Lucken, Elisha Standefort are well, all except Standefort. Write me all the news. Don't show this to your mother. I am in good spirits & good health. Maybe now I am writing to free to you but if there is anything you don't like in this, just point them out in yours.

John W A Gillespie told me that he & George (your Bro) had a long talk about you. Don't mention this to anyone & it is between a man and the woman he loves.

Fare well

From your lover & well wisher