

Baltimore June 17th 1864

Dear John

I have received your kind letter, and was glad to learn, that you are in good health, what I have to say in regard to my health, is that I am well so far, thank God. for too well I know that who trusts in God will never be forsaken. And often I think when I have a leisure hour, that it might be better if you had stayed at home but the second thought is that it is all for the best, that God can protect you, as well as the Battle field, as he can at home therefore Dear John never forget God ~~where~~ ^{where} ever you go. for he is your best Friend and help in the time of need so that when this cruel war is over, that you may

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