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Scope and Contents note

The three hundred and twenty-six manuscripts of this collection presents in miniature the social, economic, and political history of South Carolina. Maria Elizabeth Preston Means of Fairfield Dist., niece of Gov. John Hugh Means, married in 1843 John English, doctor and planter of Richland Dist. One third of the collection is the correspondence of this family connection including letters of Harriet Flud Hampton and Sally Campbell Preston. Comments on domestic and plantation activities, education of the children, and the family connections—Harper, Trotti, Nott, Coalter, and Mobley—provide information on life of the planter. Two letters of John English, 10 and 12 Nov. 1851, from Charleston, to his wife, relate to his operation of a freight service on the Wateree River and comment on competition from the "Steamer Pee Dee," and his plans to use the Congaree as well as the Wateree. Civil War letters of Franklin, oldest son of John and Maria English, to his death in Dec. 1861, relate hardships of camp life, military activities in S. C. and Va., and his reaction to the War. A letter of Thomas D. Sumter, Stateburg, 12 Mar. 1866, to John English, applying to teach languages to his children or any employment "I can fulfill" illustrates the desperate condition of the State. Letters, 1866-7, of Maria to her son John at the Virginia Military Institute stress the importance of an education. Letters of William W. Boyce, Washington, 1869, to John English, discuss legal matters in connection with his brother William's estate in California and a claim against the Mexican government for interest in a ship seized at Acapulco during the gold rush.

Beverly M. English, third son of John and Maria, married Elise Kennedy Doby in 1885, only child of Capt. Alfred English Doby and his wife Elizabeth M. Kennedy of Camden. The Civil War letters of Capt. Doby written to his wife constitute the bulk of the collection and present a vivid picture of the War as experienced by this young planter—born 1840, educated at the S. C. College, University of Va. and in Paris. The first letter in this group, 25 July 1861, describing Col. Joseph B. Kershaw's command at First Manassas, during which distinguished citizens of Washington came "to witness the grand performance of their army," is characteristic of the detailed information, readily available to Doby as Aide-de-camp to Kershaw, regarding battle plans and performance of Kershaw's Brigade, especially the Camden unit, in the major battles involving the Army of the Potomac. On 2 Dec. 1861 Doby wrote of his plans to be home for Christmas "if you promise to become my . . . bride." They were married 1 Jan. 1862. On the 29th he was again in Va. at the Spotswood Hotel with "Cols Kershaw, Ancrum, John McKain & myself, with three servants . . . all staying in the same room," and relating the loss of blankets and theft of his "india rubber tub" at Petersburg. Doby's comment, 3 Mar. 1862, could have influenced his descendants to preserve his letters— "It will be pleasant in after years, when, perhaps in the midst of an interesting group of children, these letters of ours will be reviewed. I regret exceedingly . . . the necessity of consigning to the flames many of your letters, but now I am determined to preserve every one for they will manifest . . . your noble spirit of patriotism"—but unfortunately none of her letters are in the collection. Until Doby's death, 6 May 1864, in the Battle of the Wilderness, he wrote an average of three letters a week to his wife, in-forming her of every phase of his activities, expressing his ideas about the War, civilian and military leaders, camp facilities, social affairs, entertainment, food, clothes, politics, and religion. In Feb. 1862 he views the War as necessary "for the very sanctity of our firesides . . . national freedom, and the right of existence." A year later he discusses the demoralizing effects of the War— "God only knows

how long this awful carnage will last . . War . . . always . . . will be the great & trying ordeal through which nations must pass to civilization & self government. But . . . a thing that true civilization should blush to witness." He views politics as "the most unsatisfactory life a man can lead," and after the War expects to confine himself to agriculture, "the occupation nature intended . . . especially for the Southern Gentleman." Remarks, based on personal observations, concerning Lee and Jackson as military leaders and gentlemen are interesting. Doby describes the Battle of Chancellorsville as "a most complete & magnificent victory" in which Lee, "the ablest commander living" had "displayed a wonderful genius"—and relates the receipt and reading of two letters "while shells & canister were bursting over my head." In 1863 from Pennsylvania Doby writes— "within the last three nights we have encamped upon the soil of three different states," and after Gettysburg re-marks on the gallant charge of Pickett's Division, heavy losses, and the disagreeable march to Hagerstown, Md. The letters express Doby's confidence "that I will survive" and his last letter, 2 May 1864, admonishes his wife to "Bear up with spirit & resolutionI feel no apprehension about myself."

Abbreviations / Legend

ADS = autographed document signed

ALS = autographed letter signed

ALS(T) = typed copy of autographed letter signed

DS = document signed

LS = letter signed

MP = printed manuscript

MS = manuscript

n.d. = undated

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- Doby, Alfred English, d. 1864
- Preston, Sally, d.1845

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ALS, [1836], Sisters Ferry, James [Cureton Doby], to Sarah [English Doby?] (arrival here last night, waiting for all the troops destined for Florida, account of his sleeping places since leaving Camden, does not expect to meet the savage foe, called to be inspected by the U. S. officers).

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ALS, 22 Oct. [1848], Barhamville, Sallie, to J. C. Doby, and Brother [Camden] (visit with Mrs. [Elias] Marks, school in-creasing, roommates).

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AM, 25 July 1861, Vienna, Alfred, to Miss E. M. Kennedy, Camden detailed description of Col. Kershaw's command in the First Battle of Manassas, death of Willie Hardy, possibility of going on to Washington, distinguished citizens from Washington "to witness the grand performance of their army... many... captured and frightened... by our advancing army.").

ALS, 2 Dec. [1861], Camp Camden, (chiding her for underrating herself, rumors of McClellan's movements, Charles Dunlap's illness, expects to be at home for Christmas "if you promise to become my... bride.", formal presentation of battle flags to be made by Beauregard).

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ALS, 9 Jan. [18]62, Camp Camden Near Centerville, Va., J. D. Kennedy, to Mrs. A. E. Doby, Camden (commenting on her marriage to Alfred, life in camp, his ideas of patriotism, description of the locality).

AM, 29 Jan. [1862], Spotswood Hotel ("Cols. Kershaw, Ancrum, John McKain & myself, with three servants are all staying in the same room.", entertainment in Richmond, calling on various people with Col. Kershaw, loss of blankets at Petersburg "at the same place that my india rubber tub was stolen").

ALS, 3 Feb. 1862, Camp (difficulties in reaching camp with description of the location, resignation of Gen. Bonham and expectation of Col. Kershaw succeeding him, death of "reenlisting spirit," death of Willie Howe).

AM, 5 Feb. 1862, Hd. Quarters 1st Brigade, Army of the Potomac (writing from Col. K[ershaw's] comfortable headquarters, Kershaw nominated to succeed Bonham and Doby's chances of an appointment, moving into winter quarters, enclosing an appeal by Gen. [Joseph Eggleston] Johns[t]on "to the 12 months men," the severe weather).

ALS, 6 Feb. [1862], Hd. Qrs., 1st Brig. (asserting his love for her, a host of visitors discussing the reenlistment question with the Col., difficulty in securing provision over the poor roads - Col. Hampton burned his wagons for wood and using pack saddles, approving of her idea that ladies should not leave home "for a life in the army").

ALS, 8 Feb. 1862, Hd. Qrs. 1st Brig. Div., Army of the Potomac (arranging furloughs for reenlisted men as asst. to the Adj. Gen. of the Brigade, hopes to receive a commission which will provide a definite job, his opinions on a soldier's life - "the slave of the Government," these sacrifices are "for the very sanctity of our own firesides,... national freedom, and the right of existence").

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ALS, 9 Feb. [1862], Hd. Qrs. 1st Brigade (his comfortable quarters and stables for the horses, meeting with Mr. Rutherford - "my esteemed friend & fellow traveller in Europe," John in a ferment about getting his company off on furlough, Ned Cantey on the way home).

AM, 12 Feb. 1862, Hd. Qrs. 1st Brig. McLean's Farm (comments on Col. Tom A[ncrum], entertaining several officers at dinner including Gen. [Jubal Anderson] Early and giving the menu, delicacies brought from home provide a good fare - "I have never fared better, even in Paris" Gen. Early a regular visitor - "says that we live too high & luxuriously for soldiers," low spirits over reverses at Roanoke Island but offset by news of the determined intervention of France and recognition by England, desperate struggle ahead, predicting a broken blockade).

ALS, 13 Feb. [1862], Hd. Qrs. 1st Brig, McLean's Farm (improved weather, description of the farm where on "18th June Gen. Beauregard had his... dinner destroyed by a cannon ball... provoked him very much, wounding at the same time several of the servants.", strength of army reduced by furloughs, expecting their return for the spring campaigns, John expecting to go home on recruiting service, her condition).

ALS, 14 Feb. [1862], Hd. Qrs. 1st Brig., A. P. McLean's Farm (visit with Geo[rge] Marshall, Col. K[ershaw] confirmed as Brig. Gen. and has made me Aide-de-Camp, Beauregard's victory at Bowling Green, suggestions for her physical and mental condition).

ALS, 16 Feb. [1862], McLean's Farm (anxiety for her, John "is already 24 hours over his time," heavy snow storm, call to breakfast - "The table looks... inviting... things worthy of... an Epicurean soldier.").

ALS, 17 Feb. [1862], McLean's Farm (Mrs. Kershaw planning to come to Va. for the winter, expressing his objections to having his wife accompany her and urging her to place her refusal on her "own responsibility," return of John, severe weather).

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ALS, 18 Feb. [1862], McLean's Farm (trip to Bristol to visit Lizzie with comments on her uncomfortable quarters, rumor of fall of Fort Donnelson and effect on the men "...the darkest pages of our country's history is now being enacted upon the stage of this cruel & inhuman war," surprise that English "has not sent you up your little negro yet").

ALS, 19 Feb. 1862, McLean's Farm (sad news from the West - "Beauregard will do something... to retrieve our defeat & immortalize himself," these reverses should stimulate the entire South to greater efforts, depleted forces and problem of reenlistment, removal of Lizzie to a more suitable house).

ALS, 21 Feb.[1862], Hd. Qrs. 1st Brig. A. P. (commending her on letter-writing and her attitude toward the war, Col. [James] Chesnut's appeal to Carolinians in Va. on reenlistment, failure to reenlist "will show an evident lack of conception, of both, the magnitude of this struggle, as well as its necessity sacredness, "citing Gregg's Regiment as an example, and discussing "a grand military ball" with special trains from Richmond to be held on the 25th, possibility of Gen. A[lbert] S[idney] Johns[t]on routing the Yankees in the West).

AM, 22 Feb. [1862], Hd. Qrs. 1st Brig. A. P. (activities of the Col. [Kershaw] and Tom Ancrum, dinner with John - salmon and apple dumpling, relating his travels in Europe to a group of officers).

ALS, 23 Feb. [1862], Hd. Qrs., 1st Brig., A. P. (disappointment at no letter from her, requesting a resume of last chapter in a certain novel, addition of a book "to my camp library," postponement of the military ball, rumors re a new commander, comments on Gen. [Jubal] Early and his family responsibilities).

ALS, 24 Feb. [1862], Hd. Qrs., 1st Brig. Army of Pot. (advising her not to be despondent over the Nashville affair, victory of Gen. [Sterling] Price, Gen. A. S. Johns[t]on's situation, the French fleet in Hampton Roads, visit to John, "I have enlisted for the war according to your advice.")

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ALS, 25 Feb. [1862], Hd. Qrs., 1st Brig - Array of Potomac (making saddle bags, speculations as to McClellan's movements, expecting a terrible struggle, arrival of Zach Leitner with news that "the ladies of Camden are up to the fighting point").

ALS, 26 Feb. [18]62, Hd. Qrs. 1st Brig A. P. (activity with sending baggage and the sick back, anxious to go home, possibility of changing our line of defence, John going home on recruiting mission, requests a pair of saddle bags).

ALS, 27 Feb. [1862], Hd. Qrs. 1st Brig. A. P. (complimenting her brother's ability as an officer, anxious to be at home, enemy reported at Fairfax Court House, inquiring about the little Negro girl).

ALS, 1 Mar. [18]62, Hd. Qrs. 1st Brig. A. P. (difficulty in delivering orders after dark, trip to Manassas and fortifications being erected there, secrecy about movements and possibility of being ordered to Winchester - "we have all just got comfortably fixed for the rest of the winter," heavy firing all day at the river batteries, advising John not to let rumors mar or hasten the termination of his furlough).

ALS, 3 Mar. [1862], Hd. Qrs. 1st Brig. A. P. (re preserving our letters, appreciation of her "noble sentiment" which "encourag[s] me on to the Performance of my duty," speculation as to military movements, "All the ladies & children have retired homewards from the army..." expecting a settlement from Dick Manning, martial law in Richmond).

ALS, 6 Mar. 1862, Hd. Qrs. 1st Brig. A. P. "Before Breakfast" (John Myers & Capt. Villepigue just returned from home," conversation with Gen. K[ershaw] on the importance of the Army of the Potomac and his plans re his staff, urging John on his recruiting mission "for the coming campaign will be... the most desperate struggle of this revolution.")

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ALS, 7 Mar. [1862], Hd. Qrs. 1st Brig. A. P. (severe weather, Army of the Potomac to move before day, servants busy preparing food for the march, suggests John remain at home until he hears something definite, her condition).

ALS, 12 Mar. [1862], Bivouac, Rappahannock River (describing their retreat as the rear guard, "the sacking of Manassas, " and effect on the troops - "a great mistake of Gen. Early's" participation and articles obtained from the "plunder," advancement of the enemy, expecting to come "home very shortly after the battle," with mention of Gen. [Isaac Ridgeway] Trimble's arrest of Capt. Peck).

ALS, 17 Mar. [1862], Near Culpepper C. H. (receipt of her letter - "the first... in 8 days," difficulties on the march, McClellan at Centreville occupying Gen. Joseph E. Johns[t]on's former quarters and speculation as to where the battle will be fought, the "Arkansas fight," and the achievements of the Merimac,"... we have sufficient numbers to compete with McClellan," expecting his commission since Kershaw has received his as Gen., no chance of going home "until the fate of this army is decided").

ALS, 19 Mar. 1862, "Rapid Ann River," Alfred, to his wife, Camden (relating his experience in staying with a farmer in the vicinity, removal of Negroes to the interior, description of countryside, probable route McClellan will take to Richmond, expressing his devotion to her).

ALS, 21 Mar. [1862], Camp Bonham, Rapidan River (receipt of four letters from her, commenting on "our mutual sacrifices for our country," describing the camp site and his quarters, behavior of some troops).

ALS, 22 Mar. [1862], Camp Bonham, Rapidan River, to [his Mother-in-law, Sarah Ann Kennedy] (expressing his warm attachment for her, strength of their position along the river, Gen. Johns[t]on at Gordonsville to confer with Jeff Davis, rumors that the President will take the field, secrecy of Johns[t]on's movements, John's recruiting, approving of S. C.'s plan for "raising her quota of troops," mention of Tom Ancrum and Jim Villepigue).

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ALS, 23 Mar. 1862, Camp Bonham (trip to Clarke's Mount and the view, "... the inhabitants of this section... are becoming surfeited with entertaining soldiers," plans to buy a large number of condemned horses to send to S. C. for improvement as a speculation, expecting his commission as captain "which will pay me \$140 a month").

ALS, 25 Mar. [1862], Camp Bonham (irregularity of the mail, possibility of going home, Mr. Lomas' comments on the war and involvement of France and England, visit to John McKain and Jimmie McCaa who are sick, trip to "Poor Monkey Country" in search of boots, possible reorganization of the command, reenlistment question, Ned Cantey returned with few recruits, inquiring of John and his recruiting).

ALS, 27 Mar. [1862], Camp Bonham ("all communication is stopt for the present," reinforcements to be sent to N. C. and possibly to Gen. Jackson in the Valley, problem of reenlistment and his determination to fight "with the desperation of fiends if necessary to achieve our independence." directions for his mail, orders to march tomorrow).

ALS, 2 Apr. [1862], Near Orange Co. Ho. (kept here for lack of transportation, probable strength of both sides and McClellan's intentions, the "boastful & bombastic" talk of the Yankee prisoners, Gen. [Jeb] Stuart, units being formed by various men, reenlistment, Alfred Brevard's concern over evacuation of Fla. and loss of Negroes, difficulty in receiving and sending mail).

ALS, 7 Apr. [1862], Exchange Hotel (on the way to Yorktown to reinforce Gen. [John Bankhead] Magruder, expects to go home for a few days when the battle is over).

ALS, 11 Apr. [1862], Penisular, 8 miles from Yorktown (a note assuring her he is all right).

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ALS, 12 Apr. [1862], On the bank of Warwick River, Peninsular (location and skirmishing with the enemy pickets, Yankee ships flying flags at half mast because of death of Gen. Buell, loss of Gen. [Albert Sidney] Johns[t]on, confident of victory here, purchased a pair of mares for her, behavior of S. C. troops).

ALS, [15 Apr. 1862], Hd. Qrs. 4th Brig., 2nd Div. (his reconnoissance of the peninsular, John McKain wounded, location just opposite the enemy - "At dark they come down to converse with our men ..." reenlistment).

ALS, 17 Apr. 1862, Warwick River, Alfred, to wife, Camden (describing a battle of yesterday,. awaiting an attack while "about 500 Negroes [are] hard at work throwing up entrenchments," confident of victory, news of other Camden men, death of "Poor McKain... His death was... in every way, worthy of a soldier, fighting in a most glorious cause.").

ALS, 20 Apr. [18]62, Hd. Qrs. 4th Brig. 2nd Div. (command assumed by Gen. [J. E.] Johns[t]on, lack of confidence in Magruder, removal of Gen. Kershaw's brigade to a stronger position, arrival of "The Kirkwoods & the Boykin Rangers" and reinforcements under Gen. [William Nelson] Pendleton, expecting attack momentarily).

ALS, 23 Apr. [1862], Hd. Qrs., 4th Brig., 2nd Division ("continued disappointment, in the delay of a grand battle," speculations as to McClellan's intentions, the brigade to be disbanded on 1 May and possibility of getting home, rumors of peace proposals, condition of her mares).

ALS, 26 Apr. [1862], Hd. Qrs. 4th Brig. 2nd. Div., Custis' Farm (re newspaper rumors of "great fighting here," confident "that I will survive this war, "constant skirmishing with pickets with mention of Gen. [George Edward] Pickett, promise to accept a furlough "if McClellan refuses to fight in the next few weeks").

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ALS, 29 Apr. 1862, Hd. Qrs. 4th Brig. 2nd Div. (sending her money, dissatisfaction among the troops over Gen. Johns[t]on's refusal to disband the regiment and reaction to Gen. Kershaw in the matter, difficulty in sending the horses to her, despondent over loss of New Orleans, Magruder's criticism of McClellan).

ALS, 1 May [1862], Hd. Qrs. 4th Brig. A. P. (camp activity denotes an attack expected, desires to see an offensive action, her condition, death of Willie Taylor - "my companion in Europe").

ALS, 9 May [1862], "Bivouac. near Chickominy River, 20 Miles from Richmond" (recent movements of Gen. [Joseph E.] Johns[t]on "considered... the most successful retreat on record" with description of the activity; mentioning Col. Cash, the Hampton Legion, and Oscar Lieber "severely wounded," McClellan's strength).

ALS, 11 May [1862], "Hd. Qrs. 4th Brig.," (location of his forces and the enemy, writing this while the enemy is "shelling the woods," "all our family are quite well," divine services held by Gen. [William Nelson Pendleton]).

ALS, 17 May [1862], Camp 6 Miles from Richmond (continually moving, no news from her since the evacuation of Yorktown, John elected colonel of the 2nd Reg., doubtful of getting home soon, determined defence of Richmond decided on).

ALS, 18 May 1862, Hd. Qrs. 4th Brig. 2nd Div., Mr. Snell's House - 2 miles from Richmond ("The grand army of Va. has at last settled down" to defend Richmond, attitude of the inhabitants, McClellan's fear of a pitched battle makes him "resort to all kinds of strategy & West Point skill," belief in Johns[t]on's ability, clothes "too shabby to enter a fashion-able church").

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ALS, 20 May 1862, Snell's House (visiting in the city with the Gen. - "The panic has passed away," business resumed, discussing possible military action, Butler's order in New Orleans and its effect on the troops, her "fine health").

ALS, 24 May [1862], Snell's House (describing this comfortable house, expecting the great battle, Gen. [R. E.] Lee anxious for a general engagement, "... should I fall, then be proud of my death,").

ALS, 26 May 1862, Snell's House (sending this by Charles, battle hourly expected, troops in fine condition).

ALS, 27 May [18]62, Hd. Qrs. 4th Brig. 2nd Div. Mrs. Christian's Farm (finances, the purchase of a carriage for her, a brisk battle during the afternoon - perhaps the forces of Gen. Joseph R. Anderson, apppsrance of the Yankee balloons, rain delayed the battle today, glorious news from Gen. Jackson, description of his present location).

ALS, 29 May 1862, Mrs. Christian's Farm (no "insight into the great schemes & movements of our military leaders," procrastination of leaders on both sides, said that McDowell has joined McClellan, [Joseph Reid] Anderson and [Benjamin] Huger's forces have joined us, "Just to think what a magnificent battle it will be with about 250,000 engaged," requesting English to send Edward, May 30 - news of Jackson in Maryland).

ALS, 2 June [1862], Hd. Qrs. 4th Brigade, Smiths Farm (enemy movements along the York River Railroad "with the view of returning the splendid compliment... paid him on Saturday & Sunday by Generals [William] Smith, [James] Longstreet & [Ambrose Powell] Hill," Gen. Johnston wounded and Gen. Lee in command, heavy losses, Lee's intentions to "fight the enemy 'every hour'," death of Boykin Lyles and Beverly Means, others wounded, performance of the Camden Brigade, "Never believe the many reports... We will always ... telegraph after any fight...").

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ALS, 4 June 1862, "Smith's Farm," (discussing her condition, the "fighting... qualities of the Yankees have... improved," losses in the recent battle, heavy rain "prevents any military operations on either side," good news of Jackson - "I hope he will take the Yankee Capital before he stops.").

ALS, 6 June [1862], Hd. Qrs. 4th Brigade, Smith's Farm (trip to the city and prices of food purchased, difficulty in procuring vegetables - only the wild plants, sassafras as a coffee substitute, artillery duels with the enemy, desertion of two "native Yanks," reinforcements for Jackson - probably Beauregard's forces, mention of Col. Withers and Bratton, Gen. [James Johnston] Pettigrew not located, requesting boots and pants, mention of Wade Hampton and his wound).

ALS, 10 [June 1862], (personal letter, calling Col. Goodwyn "a great blockhead" for sending for his wife).

ALS, 12 June [1862], Hd. Qrs. 4th Brigade (just received orders to move tonight, sending a letter to English with instructions to purchase a carriage - "Let him know what style you fancy.").

ALS, 13 June [1862], "Camp in the Woods," (his devotion to her and anxiety for her, discussing the carriage and horses, his situation and inactivity, need for a pair of boots, reinforcements for Jackson, arrival of Edward).

ALS, 16 June 1862, "Camp in the Woods, " (his concern for her, disgust with the Yankee newspapers - "Even their Generals have resorted to a regular system of lying." cost of food, instructions to purchase the carriage, sending money).

ALS, 19 June [1862], Camp near Railroad (describing an advance made by his regiment and his part in it - "It is very refreshing to get into a little fight now & then..." anxious for his boots, the Gen. to attend a wedding tonight, asks to have "a buff vest made").

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ALS, 21 June [1862], Hd. Qrs. 4th Brig. - Camp in the woods (the burden of their separation, intensity of the war and the "coldness & indifference" of Europe "regardless of the sufferings & pauperisms of millions at her own doors," the need for cotton to provide them with employment, ability to achieve our freedom without foreign aid, concentration of troops here "will surely decide the fate of the country," relating an experience when he climbed a tree to view the enemy position through his opera glasses, promotion of Jimmie Doby).

ALS, 23 June 1862, Hd. Qrs. 4th Brig. (disagreeable camp life, cost and difficulty in obtaining food with a day's usual fare, "expectation of the grand battle this week," Jackson "cautiously slipping down from the valley to cooperate with our army," with comments on Huger, Johnston and Beauregard, and Gen. [Sterling] Price, call on Mrs. Goodyn, inquiring about purchase of the carriage).

ALS, 25 [June] 1862, Hd. Qrs. 4th Brig. (preparations for "the great battle," Dr. [Thomas W.] Salmond organizing his ambulance corps, the Gen's correspondence with his wife, mention of "My friend Dwight... a classmate... at the University," ,expecting to come home after the battle, news of good crops).

ALS, 28 June 1862, Hd. Qrs. 4th Brig. (yesterday's victory "across the Chickohominy" and units involved, "The President & all the Cabinet were out yesterday looking at the distant field ..." Gen. Lee gratified with the success, prisoners and supplies captured, anxiety for the Camden co. in Longstreets Division, telegram to Mrs. Kershaw yesterday, another day should "seal the fate of this 'young Napoleon' & his grand army of hireling invaders,").

ALS, 3 July 1862, Camp on battle field (two desperate battles with severe losses, artillery fire "that mowed the trees like mere wheat straws," describing his experience of being fired on by "one of our own brigades," difficulty in returning to his regiment, assistance given Gen. [Richard Stoddert] Ewell, gratification that John was sick and not in the battle).

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ALS, 4 July [1862], Spots woods Hotel (spending the night with John and advising against his return to camp, "the Yankees have gotten out of our reach at present," Col. Goodwyn and his wife, exhaustion from the week's activities, McClellan "outgeneraled" and "Europe must soon recognize us." expecting a long war).

ALS, 7 July 1862, Camp, 18 miles from Richmond (boredom of camp life, attempts to get a furlough, delight over seeing her father and Lizzie, McClellan forced into a peninsular in the James River where we cannot follow him).

ALS, 9 Aug. [1862], Christian's Farm (re his return and condition of certain foods brought back in his trunk, news of the family and friends from Camden with mention of Gen. Kershaw] and Dr. [Thomas W.] Salmond).

ALS, 11 Aug. 1862, Hd. Qrs. Kershaw's Brig., Near Chafin's Bluff, James River (difficulties in removing, to this place, Mrs. Kershaw and Mrs. Dwight staying with Mrs. Mills, many S. C. troops here, glorious news of Jackson - officers captured by him brought to Richmond in irons "treated as pillagers & criminals instead of prisoners," military movements all tend toward the Valley, hopes she is "as well as when I was at home with you," 12 Aug. - an "excursion to Malvern's Hill... by a false alarm this morning").

ALS, 14 [Aug. 1862], Chafins Bluff (work in the Adjutant Gen's office, a ride with the Gen. to Drewry' Bluff, the remainder of the forces gone to join Jackson, mention of the conscripts and especially "Jimmie Arrants", Mrs. Kershaw and Mrs. Dwight not pleased with their situation, quoting prices of food).

ALS, 19 Aug. [1862], Hd, Qrs. 4th Brig, Pleasant's House (continual movements," great battle to be at Culpepper Co. Ho. - Lee, Johnston and Jackson there now, - "all the Generals of the Federal Army put

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together, can not compete with them," Mrs. Kershaw here, receipt of her letters within four days, direct all mail to Gordonsville).

ALS, 21 [Aug. 1862], Camp on Central Railroad (sending this not by Mrs. Kershaw, the Brigade ordered to Gordonsville - "A battle is imminent there.").

ALS, 24 Aug. [1862], Hd. Qrs. 4th Brig. three miles above Hanover Junction (receiving her letters regularly, pleasant locality prisoners captured, Pope's retreat - "hope our forces will catch up with the panic-stricken hirelings & destroy them," convenience of the river, supplies provided by our "enterprising commissary," securing a proper nurse when the baby arrives, sending money).

ALS, 25 Aug. [1862], Hd. Qrs. Kershaw's Brigade, Near Hanover Junction (orders to move "14 miles of Fredricksburg" to support Hampton's Cavalry, ladies' visit bringing fruit, "I wish I could bring you on here... this is such a lovely country... many nice families in the vicinity.").

ALS, 30 Aug. [1862], Rapidan Station - Early Dawn (on the march toward Culpepper C. H. to join Lee and Jackson, munitions and supplies captured by Jackson, "outrageous murder of John Witherspoon... by a body of cowardly Yankee Cavalry," our destination is Jeffersonville, capture of Pope's staff "also the Gens. coat with 30,000 in it," troops on the march - "the poor fellows plunging in [the river] now, while a splendid band is on the banks to cheer them on.").

ALS, 2 Sept. 1862, Gainsville, near Manassas (arrival of our corps - McLaws & Hill's Divisions - in a rain storm, destruction of the railroad, enemy completely routed at "Manassas about Stone bridge & Sudley's ford," Cols. Means, Gadberry, Marshall of S. C. lost, Gen. [Micah] Jenkins wounded, Lee's position, Gen. wounded, losses on both sides, Edward's carelessness lost my haversack "with my beautiful morocca dressing case," no mail arrangements).

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ALS, 7 Oct. [1862], Winchester (anxiety for her, expects to get home this winter, rumors of the division to be sent to S.C., death of Middleton Goodwyn, sending this letter and a gift by her father).

ALS, 11 Oct. [1862], Winchester (anxiety for her - no letter since 26 Sept., recuperating from a cough and cold, the ladies of the Sherrard Family invite you for the winter, provoked with Edward over loss of a "fine woolen Paris shirt," requests her to have some warm shirts made for him, fighting over for the winter, quantities of shoes bought "for the poor barefooted fellows," defeat at Corinth).

ALS, 13 Oct. [1862], Winchester (John left for camp - "walks almost as well as ever," Gen. Kershaw advised me to go home - "expect me... not many days after" receiving this note, nothing new in the Army - "Stewart's cavalry in Maryland").

ALS, 16 Oct. [18]62, Camp Near Bruce Town, Va., John [D. Kennedy] to Mrs. Elizabeth A. Doby, Camden (congratulations on the birth of her child, Alfred ill and Gen. Kershaw applying for a furlough for him).

ALS, 4 Dec. [1862], Richmond (Dr. Salmond on his way home, a pleasant time with Dwight and Rutherford, trying to buy articles for her - an abundance of clothing in the shops but "such exorbitant prices demanded that I did not purchase," missing her and the baby).

ALS, 8 Dec. 1862, Camp near Fredericksburg (arrival, visiting John to deliver his box "which was soon devoured by many mouths," trip to the city and "a view of the Yankees on the other side of the river," no battle expected because of the season, military family complete, poor condition of his horses).

ALS, 10 Dec. 1862, Camp - Fredericksburg (description of the camp - "quite a comfortable little forest home," describing his dinner, expecting to go into winter quarters, extremely cold weather, would like a pair of skates "as we have splendid ice for skating," John is well).

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ALS, 18 Dec. 1862, Camp Near Fredericksburg (fought another great battle, driven the enemy across the river and our family safe, description of his activities in the battle as commander of the regiment, capturing as aide-de-camp of Gen. Whipple and two other men - horses, accoutrements and arms are his, sending the daguerrotype of a Col's. wife and son, behavior of the regiment, escorting a Union officer who came under a flag of truce to bury the dead, heavy losses, city sacked by "the scoundrels, every house that escaped the conflagration being torn open & plundered," possibility of coming home this winter with General K[ershaw], compliments on his conduct of the regiment, expecting to fight Burnside again this winter "as he is not entirely satisfied with his last fight. But we will whip him..." severe weather).

ALS, 21 Dec. [18]62, Camp Near Fredericksburg (apologizing for using pencil - "our ink being entirely frozen," building chimneys to the tents, sending Jesse home with two horses, hoping to get home with Gen. K., inhabitants removing remains from the city "into the woods where many of the are encamped, undergoing all the hardships of a soldier, description of destruction in the city, a subscription list in the army for the people of Fredericksburg, John well).

ALS, 23 Dec. 1862, On Picket in Fredericksburg (commenting on "our darling little girl," attending to "complaints... of distressed females" - another bombardment expected and army wagons the only means of transportation, enemy losses heavier than stated in the papers, great excitement over change of the cabinet, Burnside still in command of the army).

ALS, 26 Dec. 1862, Camp - Fredericksburg (sending this by Zack Lietner, describing his activities on Christmas Day - with Gens. Kershaw and [Lafayette] McLaws called on Gen. Lee, dinner with John. and others - "a splendid egg nog which I made myself," Lt. Dwight going home).

ALS, 29 Dec. [18]62, Camp - Fredericksburg (a conjecture that there will be no battle this winter "as... the military heads of the Washington cabinet will occupy sometime in discussing the next most feasible & practical route to the grand "Mecca" of their hopes..." flagging northern spirit, rumor of [Horace] Greely "preaching for an armistice,").

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ALS, 1 Jan. 1863, Fredericksburg (writing on the first anniversary of their marriage and his thought on the subject, suffering of the inhabitants, Gen. Stewart out for several days but no news of him, enemy reported repairing winter quarters 30 miles from here on the Potomac, possibility of coming home with Kershaw, country drained of provisions, John well, Kershaw's reputation and brigade called "Kershaw's Iron Clads," complaining "we have not had the honorable mention, that we merited," a Yankee paper - received by flag of truce - says Stewart is in Maryland).

ALS, 3 Jan. [18]63, Camp - Fredericksburg (effect of her letters on him, his devotion for her, woman's influence, glorious news of Bragg, Kershaw's leave not possible until enemy in winter quarters, rumor of "iron clads... into Charleston, bringing on of the blockaders with them," fine spirit of the troops, transportation of boxes from home facilitated by the "Central Aid Society of Columbia" directed by Dr. [Maximilian] LaBorde, requesting English to send certain articles of food, dinner with John - "had a camp apple dumpling,").

ALS, 5 Jan. [18]63, Camp - Fredericksburg (failure of his letters to reach her, receiving her letters regularly but Gen. K has not heard since early in Dec., inspection of the brigade by Maj. [Charles S.] Peyton of Lee's staff and his complimentary remarks re John's regiment, John's birthday dinner, furloughs, safe arrival at home of her father, sending English a McClellan saddle by Jesse).

ALS, 8 Jan. 1863, Fredericksburg ("comfortable domiciled in this deserted city, on picket," "all day... running to & from the flag of truce... made good many Yankee acquaintances... appear to be gentlemen & officers of character." received today the body of Capt. Lawton of Savannah, - description of the proceedings, John sending for his wife, expressing his opinion re a compliment paid him by Gen. Kershaw - "coming from so gallant a man," receiving Yankee papers).

ALS, 12 Jan. 1863, Camp Near Hamilton's Crossing (impossible to preserve her letters, movement of the Brigade, Lee anxious for a battle on this line, requesting food, building a chimney, his daughter).

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ALS, 15 Jan. [18]63, Camp Near Hamilton's Crossing (tardiness in the mails, attitude toward war - "The deprivation... of domestic life is what makes war dreadful... were it not for this, I believe that I would be fiendish enough to delight in it." and its demoralizing effects, visit with John, her horseback riding, inquiring about Jesse, enemy reported moving to N. C., hoping for a furlough in a month, the President's able message, "well & comfortably fixed").

ALS, 18 Jan. 1863, Camp Hamilton's Crossing (childhood memories, quoting Byron, "God only knows how long this awful carnage will. last... War... always... will be the great & trying ordeal through which nations must pass to civilization & self government... true civilization should blush to witness," politics "must be the most unsatisfactory life a man can lead," expects to confine himself to agriculture "the occupation nature intended... especially for the Southern Gentleman," thoughts on the baptism of his child, the enemy, his comfortable tent, books not received from Charles McDowell - the books needed "to pass away the monotony of camp life").

ALS, 20 Jan. 1863, Camp - Hamilton's Crossing (thoughts of home, his belief that he will come through safely, "My tent mate John Myers & myself often indulge in disquisitions on babiology." little chance of John getting home how).

ALS, 22 Jan. 1863, Camp (discussing his love for her, false alarm re the enemy, lines of poetry written on burning her letters, enclosing money).

ALS, 25 Jan. 1863, Camp Gregg (affectionate letter, their daughter, indications of an early battle, no furloughs for the present).

ALS, 26 Feb. 1863, Camp Hamiltons X (safe arrival with horses waiting at the depot, Hood's deserted camp, entertained at the Richmond theatre, loss of his Paris overcoat by loaning it to the "substitute I brought on for Mr. Huckabee..." will send her "those photographs left in Richmond).

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ALS, 24 Feb. [1863], Richmond (disagreeable trip, a party attended by the two Misses Preston, army corps broken up, his barrel of coffee and other articles, Richmond full of goods, photographs taken - four for \$30, calico at \$2.00 a yard, arm sore from the vaccination).

ALS, 28 Feb. 1863, Camp - Hamilton X (commissariat well supplied with sugar, rice and coffee; moving to Gen. McLaw's headquarters for Gen. Kershaw to command the division during McLaw's absence, John to home, reflecting on his recent visit at home, everything quiet, part of Gen. Anderson's Division left for parts unknown).

ALS, 2 Mar. [1863], Camp Hamilton X (a note - relations all well, a report that Hood's division is coming back).

ALS, 5 Mar. [1863], Hd. Qrs. Division (attending a minstrel from Barksdale Brigade, expressing his philosophy of adjusting to various situations, "Peaces is far in the distance & there is an ocean of American blood to be crossed ere we reach it." rumor of the division being transferred to Jackson's corps, rode into town and "had a beautiful view of the Yankee encampments... also saw them in review," letters sent by a flag of truce, reading "Bulwer's 'Strange Story)').

ALS, 7 Mar. 1863, Hd. Qrs. Div. (disappointment in not hearing from her, commenting on the photographs sent her, comfortably situated with comments on his new associates - "clever & intelligent gentlemen," Capt. Taliofero's poetry on battles in which our division has fought, view from Lee's Hill, the encampments of the enemy - "the beautiful but obnoxious flag, once of union & liberty, but now of tyranny & despotism..." admiration of the two armies for each other - "the little courtesies that pass between the pickets," describing their communication by small sail boats and exchange of luxuries).

ALS, 10 Mar. 1863, Hd. Qrs. Div. (affectionate letter, predicting "sufferings & toils that are not yet dreamt of." their "frugal fare," indications of an attack brought by a lady "who was detained a week among the Yankees," enclosing a puzzle).

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ALS, 12 Mar. [18]63, Hd. Qrs. Division (reception of her letters, assisting Maj. Costin in inspection of Gen. [William Tatum] Wofford's Brigade and dinner with him, visiting ladies in town, pressures in the North on Hooker for a victory).

ALS, 14 Mar. 1863, Hd. Qrs. Div. (discussion with Capt. Taliofero on Europe and various topics, camp followers, the "Kershaw Minstrels", expecting a "grand battle" as soon as roads improve).

ALS, 17 Mar. 1863, Hd. Qrs. Div. (orders from Gen. Lee to be ready to move, enemy activity, Lee's "eminent abilities as a Commander," "I have no fear of death," troops in good condition, news of his overcoat, Stuart's engagement with the enemy cavalry and an infantry attack at U. S. Ford).

ALS, 19 Mar. [18]63, Hd. Qrs. Division (acavalry battle, death of Maj. Pelham - brother of Prof. Pelham, Editor of the Guardian; enemy "ingloriously defeated," the infantry attack at U. S. Ford a mistake, asserting the enemy will break down from the "depressing influence of constant defeats," John's regiment doing a fine business).

ALS, 21 Mar. [18]63, Hd. Qrs. Div. - (appreciation for her "being so diligent & so frequent in your correspondence," severe weather, amusing himself - "the most dignified being... that of catching snow birds in a 'dead fall trap", reading "Schiller's Thirty Years war,," arrival of Moultrie Dwight, about to begin another bloody campaign, our daughter).

ALS, 22 Mar. [18]63, Hd. Qrs. Div. - ("the probabilities and improbabilities of life," commenting on Gen. [William] Barksdale, describing the Yankee balloon, Lee's preparations for an active campaign, her visits to Mrs. Kershaw).

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ALS, 2[?] Mar. [18]63, Hd. Qrs. Div. - (her diligence in writing, his loneliness, rain prevented him and Gen. [Kershaw] from attending a concert given by the "Kershaw Minstrels," would like to have the books mentioned by her).

ALS, 27 Mar. 1863, Hd. Qrs. Div. - (attending church since this was the "President's Thanksgiving day" - with description of the congregation and service "which... tended to disgust me," meeting Dwight, discussing their different religious views with his opinions, enclosing money to contribute to "A Dr. Wilson in Camden collecting money for a certain purpose," exorbitant prices).

ALS, 30 Mar. [18]63, Hd. Qrs. Div. - (John's arrival and news from home, their separation, delighted with the books - "quite a stock of literature on hand now," discussing a carriage for the baby, two ballons up this evening, expecting Gen. [Lafayette] McLaws).

ALS, 1 Apr. [18]63, Hd. Qrs. Div - (Capt. Taliofero reading his poetry, Dr. Johnson comfortably fixed with the Gen., the Staff Bill, enemy movement, hoping the campaign will soon open "as we are all dying of ennui,").

ALS, 4 Apr. [18]63, Hd. Qrs. Div. (thanking her for the letters and books, desolation of the country by war, speculation as to where the enemy will attack, describing a performance by the Brigade minstrels, attending a ball with comments on the "women (for I could not really call the ladies)", riot of about 2,000 women in Richmond "plundering stores of jewelry clothing & provisions," rioting in other places - "I hope the papers will have prudence & common sense enough to forbear mentioning it... [perhaps] instigated by a set of dirty Baltimore black-guards," high prices due "not from any scarcity, but a damnable system of speculation," quoting prices, "looking forward with pleasure to the opening of the fighting season." food sent by Mrs. K., thoughts of home and their religious beliefs).

ALS, 7 Apr. [18]63, Hd. Qrs. Div - ("nostalgia... the most formidable of all camp diseases," inactivity and its affect, speculating that "Old Abe was reviewing the army... within easy range of our rifles,"

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John's visit and discussion as to length of the war, directions for Jesse to bring his horses, Ned Wallace ill with typhoid fever).

ALS, 9 Apr. [18]63, Hd. Qrs. Div - (his dress habits, anxiety for her and the baby, his religious principles, various men returning rumors re Charleston).

ALS, 12 Apr. [18]63, Hd. Qrs. Brigade - (back in his quarters, expecting Lee to attack Hooker, preparations, strength of Hooker's army, attention turned to the West and Charleston, Yankee papers reported capture of Charleston, discussing the character of certain ministers, attending a minstrel show with John, death of Ned Wallace, discussion of love, Dr. [Robert B.] Johnson named his horse "Elise" in honor of our child, Dr. Johnson "a perfect gentleman," attending church and his religious views, "a great revival... in Fredericksburg, many soldiers joining the church,").

ALS, 14 Apr. [18]63, Hd. Qrs. Brig (discussion of the child's illness and suggestions for her care, visit with John and their discussions re the family and religion - "Faith is all that is essential to become a Christian." enemy movements).

ALS, 17 Apr. 1863, Hd. Qrs. Brig. - (the child's condition, Mrs. McCandless' illness "as a teacher & an intelligent woman," Myer Moses' position on Gen. [Thomas Lanier] Clinghman's staff and his "living in elegant style" - perhaps an exaggeration with his opinion of Moses, requestion provisions and clothes have "a little hand mill by which we can grind our own corn,").

ALS, 20 Apr. [18]63, Hd. Qrs. Brig. (moving to another camp for health purposes, visiting Gen. Jackson's headquarters to hear Mr. Lacy "quite an eminent divine... many ladies from the neighborhood were present," describing the services and the effect on Gens. Lee and Jackson with comments on Lee, John is well).

ALS, 23 Apr. 1863, Hd. Qrs. Brig. (sending this by Dr. Johnson who leaves to enter the medical department, sold his horse and trappings to Willie McWillie for \$800 - sword and pistol, directions for

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making a military coat, Yankee balloons watching our brigade drill, John joined the church, expressing some religious opinions).

ALS, 25 Apr. 1863, Hd. Qrs. Brig. (discussing young love, Camden romances, ride with Moultrie Dwight, John and Capt. Peck for dinner - a good dinner as Baum "brought some turkeys & 14 fine old hams for the mess," Baum's uniform - "the best dressed man on the Staff," "Oh, how this war will upset society.").

ALS, 28 Apr. 1863, Hd. Qrs. Brig. (enemy movements and strength, Confederate forces to have Longstreets Divisions, packing in preparation for the summer campaign, describing their new camp, fishing in the river, Mrs. Manning's death, the size of their family).

ALS, 1 May [1863], 7 Miles from Fredericksburg (describing the death of a Confederate soldier "murdered by a Yankee officer," Lee's attack on Hooker "suddenly & very unexpectedly," expecting the bloodiest battle of the war to be fought next day).

ALS, 7 May 1863, Rd. Qrs. Old Camp, near Hamilton's X (writing again "after days of carnage & bloodshed," the Cattle at Chancellorsville, watching the battle from the top of a tree, forced to leave his observation post to carry orders, his tour of the field after the battle, activities of his division, shelling of a battery "the most beautiful & sublime spectacle I have seen since the bombardment of Fort Sumter," Lee's genius displayed in these engagements, losses, Hooker and Jackson wounded, receiving her letters during the battles and difficulty in reading them with "shells & canister bursting over my head," various articles from the battle - saddle, sword, pistol and a good overcoat).

ALS, 10 May [18]63, Hd. Qrs. Brig. - Near Hamiltons (expressing his ideas on being a Christian, the Brigades position in "these last battles," loss of several officers - Capt. Boyd and Capt. Cuthbert, Gen. Jackson's critical condition, Yankee Army demoralization, losses on both sides, possibility of promotion).

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ALS, 12 May 1863, Hd. Qrs. Brig. - (receiving her letters regularly, discussing the small amount of food to sustain a man actively engaged in battle, esteem for the men, the Yankee accounts of the battles of the Rappahannock, death of Jackson and its effect of the Yankees, Tom Warren's letter to the Confederate).

ALS, 14 May 1863, Hd. Qrs. Brig. - (sending this and trunk by the Gen.'s boy Jack, arrival of Deas' boy Jesse and disappointment at no bundle or letters, serenade last night by the minstrel corns, a serenade for Gens. Lee and Longstreet planned this week).

ALS, 16 May 1863, Hd. Qrs. Brig. (describing the sounds of the night, opinions re Hooker and lack of confidence in him, the case of Vallandigham, demoralization of war, Lincoln's call for additional men; 17 May - attending church to hear Mr. Lacy preach on the life and character of Jackson, their patriotic duty after the war, the unpatiotic conduct of certain individuals).

ALS, 20 May [18]63, Hd. Qrs. Brig. - (compelled to destroy her letters, describing a ride with John Meyers, meeting Gen. Longstreet with his impressions of him, Lee in Richmond consulting with the President and Beauregard, distrust of Gen. [John Clifford] Pemberton, purchased English socks from the quarter-master).

ALS, 22 May 1863, Hd. Qrs. Brig. - (his usual activities with a dinner menu, a soldier punished by a courtmartial - tied to a cross with a placard on his breast and another "to be hung by the tongue," attending preaching with John - Mr. Gaillard officiating, urged to become "a professing Christian" and his ideas, John's ideas on spiritualism, troops arriving from N. C. and concentrating "cavalry besides").

ALS, 25 May [18]63, Hd. Qrs. Brig. - (Lt. Shrock resigned because of ill health will bring this letter, expecting offensive movement since reinforcements arrived demonstrations in N. Y. protesting the arrest of Vallandingham, the war in the West, discussion of Pemberton and Gen. Harllee's opinion of

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him, "no confidence in the Southern Yankees, who hold high places on our army," possible loss of Moultrie Dwight from their staff, John well - Henry Deas improving).

ALS, 27 May [18]63, Hd. Qrs. Brig. - Hamiltons Crossing (purchase of a nice English jacket from the quartermaster, their correspondence, news from the West - arrest of Pemberton, disgust with S. C. troops under Gen. [Nathan George] Evans who "Mutinied & went home," "the gross incapacity of Evans," Deas improving).

ALS, 30 May 1863, Hd. Qrs. Brig. - (complaining of inactivity possibly resulting from the situation at Vicksburg, Grant's success, arrival of Gen. [Richard Stoddert] Ewell - "has as artificial leg, & gets along remarkably well." the bundle of clothes brought by Col. Goodwyn, her depression, irregularity of the mails).

ALS, 2 June 1863, Hd. Qrs. Brig. - Hamilton's Crossing (begin moving today, describing execution of a deserter - "the punishment he so richly deserved," attending a tea party at a Mr. Allsop's).

ALS, 5 June [18]63, On the March - Raccoon Ford (glad for a change "as new scenes & adventure would... render more tolerable, the dull & disagreeable life of soldier"; "in the dark" about Lee's movements, describing the march and the camp site, John well, country destitute of vegetables).

ALS, 7 June 1863, Culpepper C.H. (their movements, Gen. Lee with us - "We all feel perfectly safe & confident whenever the noble old hero is with us." the effects of war on the countryside and possible action to be taken, spirits of the men affected by the beautiful scenery, describing the army "like a huge serpent winding along a meandering path." receiving her letters).

ALS, 10 June 1863, Culpepper (Col. Goodwyn resigned and sending this letter home by him, a severe cavalry fight yesterday - Col. [M. C.] Butler "had his foot shot off," death of Capt. Farleigh and Col.

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Hampton, no Camden men hurt; attitude of the infantry toward the cavalry; the irregular mails; Col. Goodwyn will relate all the news).

ALS, 11 June [18]63, Culpepper (their love, enclosing money, sending this by Jack Francis, living better than at Fredericksburg, food obtained by Jesse from a foraging trip, [Marcus?] Baum and his use of sugar in bartering for food - "Baum with the characteristic instincts of a Jew has discovered a currency ...more current than money... sugar... from the commissary at 12 cts & in trade values it at 2 dolls." Myer Mosses reached camp, Yankees appear bewildered re our movements, horses appraised in order to recover damages).

ALS, 14 June 1863, Camp 4 Miles from Culpepper (his love and admiration for her, his religious beliefs, "I try to lead a pure, high toned & religious life," troop movements).

ALS, 18 June 1863, Manassas Rail Road (continuous marching pre-vented writing, their location, severe heat, the country-side, Gen. Ewell's victory at Winchester, speculations re Hooker's movements).

ALS, 20 June [18]63, Camp - On the top of the Blue Ridge - Clark Co. ("Comfortably. seated in the... parlor of a farm house," located here to defend Ashby's Gap, John's experiences, the Gen. & staff invited to dine here today, kind reception by people of the area, Ewell at Hager's Town, [Md.?] and Jones' cavalry at Chambersburg, Pa., Lee's exact intentions not known - "I trust Gen. Lee, will not be quite so delicate... among his enemies, as he was last summer" when supplies could have been obtained, except "for the scrupulousness & extreme stringency of his orders," preparations to cross the Shenandoah River).

ALS, 22 June 1863, Berrys Ford - Shenandoah River (describing their movements, "It was... a grand spectacle... fording a broad & deep river..." Gen. Stuart's cavalry driven back to this place, protecting the Gap, to march tomorrow to join Ewell in Md., Hooker said to be bewildered by Lee's "plans, & the

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rapidity of their execution," Ewell a worthy successor to Jackson, planning to buy certain articles for her in Md.).

ALS, 26 June 1863, Williamsport, Md. (their location, disagreeable march, "The people are... afraid to manifest any enthusiasm or interest in our cause,..." "living finely on the fat of the Yankees," army in magnificent condition and under splendid discipline "with a spirit of the... justice of our invasion," success of various men in capturing prisoners and provisions, a letter from Wade Manning, to continue the march in the morning).

ALS, 28 June 1863, Chambers, Pa. ("within the last three nights we have encamped upon the soil of three different states," describing the country, the Menonites and their views on the war, conduct of troops admirable, Lee's orders re private property very stringent, "I expect we will spend the summer here, as the country is very rich & full of provisions." receiving her letters today, Gen. Lee's "grand & magnificent schemes... certain to work out..." all well and in fine spirits).

ALS, 1 July 1863, Fayetteville, Pa. (the whole army concentrated on the Baltimore turnpike road," all well).

ALS, 7 July 1863, Hagerstown, [Md.] (the Battle of Gettysburg in progress when I wrote last, John and Zach Leitner wounded, his participation in the battle, heavy losses indicate the severity of the battle, gallant charge of Picket's Division, disagreeable march to this place, "heard Gen. Lee day... he was going to fight the enemy again as soon as he could get them at a disadvantage." articles purchased for her, recuperating from the fatigue of the past week).

ALS, 14 July 1863, In line of battle - Between Wmsport & Hagerstown (preparation for an expected battle, scarcity of food and hard-ships borne by the troops, the fall of Vicksburg has made the men more determined, receiving her letters "on the bloody field of Gettysburg," shoes given our daughter by Maj. Peck, "I have become do accustomed to battles that it is like an every day business..." anxious to fight another battle before returning to Va.).

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ALS, 16 July 1863, Bunker Hill, Va. (Gen. Lee withdrew the army to better watch the enemy, describing the removal, Gen. Pettigrew wounded, "Our men are terribly in earnest now & would fight with the desperation of savages..." anxious over Charleston, length of the war and hardships to come, receiving her letters, remembrances to John, Zach Leitner at Winchester).

ALS, 19 July 1863, Near Bunker Hill (their correspondence, his visit to the Sherrards and their experience during Yankee reign, Zach Leitner's good condition, no prospect of an immediate battle, attending church with the Gen. [Kershaw] at Smithfield).

ALS, 24 July [18]63, Culpepper C. H. (arrival at this place, preferring to fight the enemy at Fredericksburg, men and animals in need of rest, Picket's Div. engaged at Chester Gap. successes at Charleston, fears the whole sea coast may fall to the enemy, rioting in N. Y., anxious re John, preparing to bathe - "a luxury I have not indulged in in two weeks," plans to send money shortly).

ALS, 26 July 1863, Culpepper (expressing the belief that the wives have had as hard a time as the men on the battle field, the entire corps inspected this morning by Longstreet, Gen. K. in command of the division since McLaws is ill, taking care of John's horses, distressed over death of Willie Ancrum and capture of Sam Boykin).

ALS, 30 July [18]63, Culpepper (difficulty in receiving a pass to go to Richmond, sudden storms very annoying, packing her goods to be sent, directions re the articles in the package, discussing religion, effect of battle scenes on soldiers).

ALS, 1 Aug. [18]63, Spotswood Hotel, Richmond (activities in Richmond - visiting the theatre with Willie McWillie, the children brought to mind his home, Gen. Lee recalled all able bodied men to return, package sent by express).

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ALS, 4 Aug. [18]63, Rapidan River (oppressive heat, a cavalry engagement involving Hampton's Brigade, location of various corps, not expecting the enemy to attack on this line, can go home with a pass from Gen. Lee, reminiscing re his former visits at home).

ALS. 6 Aug. 1863, Camp On Turnpike Road 12 miles from Chancellorsville (importance and value of her letters, his daughter, the Gen.'s [Kershaw] anxiety over the absence of his son John, expecting to move on to Fredericksburg, John's condition, enclosing the receipt for her package - Southern Express Co., Richmond, Aug. 1863).

ALS. 9 [Aug. 18]63, Camp - 12 miles from Chancellorsville (deciding to write her rather than attend church, accusing her of becoming "somewhat puritanical lately in your religion," his religious opinions, John's condition, "I am afraid that we will all be scarred & crippled up before this war is over... making us old fast." food is better - "brought from beyond the Potomac... a fine milch cow," and her care).

ALS, 11 Aug. 1863, Camp - Orange Co. (listing "the bill of fare" of a "fine dinner... which would adorn the table of almost any family," Baum "the best forager I ever saw," describing Baum's trading abilities, nothing new in the army, Lee expects no fighting for the next 5 or 6 weeks, reading Shakespeare, remembrances to John).

ALS, 13 Aug. 1863, Camp - Orange Co. (his dreary life, speculation as to end of war, their future, instructed English to supply her with money at all times).

ALS, 15 Aug. [18]63, Camp ("We have been living quite luxuriously for the last ten days..." foraging tactics and exorbitant prices, her indignation at the "comtemptible & cowardly conduct of... the people at home." discussing conditions on the home front, "The war still sleeps..." the appeals of the President and Gen. Lee have brought back many "delinquents & convalescents," directions for having clothes made for him).

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ALS, 18 Aug. [18]63, Orange C. H. (here with the Gen. [Kershaw] attending a courtmartial, description of their quarters, mentioning others - Gen. Ewell and family, receiving a lock of the baby's hair, no prospect of movement here, reported disturbances in N. Y.).

ALS, 21 Aug. [18]63, Orange C. H. (his association with young ladies but "my heart & mind are not treacherous to thy sweet memory," attending a party with Gen. K. in the village, church at Gen. Ewell's headquarters attended by many officers "among them the magnificent & venerable leader of the army... the finest specimen of humanity that I have ever seen." the services by Dr. Lacy, desertion among the J \. C. troops and Ala.).

ALS, 21 Aug. 1863, Orange C. H. (difficulty in writing her while "boarding at Mr. Hiden's," hoping to get home since "the war sleeps," expecting fall of Charleston "hope the city will be destroyed before it surrenders," picture of Elise).

ALS, 26 Aug. [18]63, Orange C. H. (describing his visit to Montpelier "the lovely & beautiful residence of Madison," "grand reviews, every evening of the different Divisions," the Division moved to Louisa C. H. and no mail from her for a week, nothing new).

ALS, 27 Mar. 1864, Greenville, to Mrs. Sarah Ann Kennedy (apologizing for his negligence in writing her, his regard for her, expecting a "severe & bloody" summer, "Lincoln's call for 700,000... men ...will be like 'calling Spirits from the vasty deep'," politics in the Northwest, expecting to move tomorrow, Baum gone ahead to secure provisions - "he will have a month's supply by the time he gets to Bristol." engagement of Dr. Moore and Cousin Sally, additions to the family from Mobile, John and his family).

ALS, 11 Apr. 1864, "Camp near Bristol, Te.", John [Kennedy] to "My Dear Sister," (allowing Alfred to read her letters, adjusted to camp life again, seeing a great deal of Alfred, "what our mission is, no one knows," Gen. Kershaw in Richmond, Grant must be "badly thrashed," Alfred anxious to go home, disagreeable weather).

1870s

ALS, 2 May 1864, Gordonsville (sending this by Charlie Dunlap, discussing the use of a horse owned jointly with Maj. Peck, advising her re horseback riding, the coming battle - "Bear up with spirit & resolution... during this awful crisis..." "I feel no apprehension about myself..." planning to send Jesse home - "no use for him & rations are scarce," Gen. [Micah] Jenkins reports Gen. Kershaw's promotion - "hope that it is so," anxious to see her and Elise).

ALS. 9 Dec. 1864, Headquarters Brigade, Camp near Richmond, John [Kennedy] to Mrs. A. E. Doby (receipt of her letter - "you ...are under my especial charge," her visit to Mrs. English, missing Alfred, remembrances to others in the family).

ALS, 8 Dec. 1867, Elise K. Doby, to Mrs. A. E. Doby, Mobile, Ala. (missing her, trying to be good, loss of two teeth, her activities, at "Betty Neck,").

ALS(?), 28 Dec. 1867, Elise H. Doby, to Mrs. A. E. Doby, Mobile, Ala. (her Christmas activities, missing her mother, lessons, placing evergreens on her father's grave).

1870s

ALS. 21 Feb. 1873, Columbia, B. M. English, to Joe [English] (re vaccination for small pox).

ALS, 19 Oct. 1878, Hobkirk, S[arah] A[nn] K[ennedy], to "Lizzie" (re her birthday, discussing her health, father trying to get employment, suggesting she could get a school, remarks re Alfred).

1880s

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ALS, 6 Jan. [1883], St. Louis, B[everley] M[eans] E[nGLISH], to [Elise K. Doby] (re his brother Joe's wedding, describing effects of the severe cold weather, requesting a picture of her, attending the theatre to see an English comedian, must be at the store for work at 7:15 each morning).

ALS, 5 Oct. 1883, St. Louis, B. B. English, to Elise K. Doby, Camden (the busiest season of the year, his sister visiting in St. Louis, the fair and "the Veiled Prophets procession... witnessed by fully one million people," advancement in his work, unveiling "of your monument," his address "c/o Simmons H'd'w Co.").

ALS, 3 Aug. [18]84, St. Louis, B. M. E., to [Elise K. Doby] (his delay in writing her, joining Dr. Brooks church, now a registered voter, enclosing a picture, spent his last holiday with a cousin in St. Charles Co. "my mother's birthplace,").

ALS, 20 Oct. [18]84, St. Louis, Beverley [M. English], to [Elise K. Doby] (reasons for termination of his services at the Simons Hardware Co., may come home and operate the plantation, cost of society, lack of interest in politics here, intends supporting Cleveland, the St. Louis Fair and Exposition, his affection for her, his military company and prizes won in competitive drill).

ALS, 18 Nov. [18]84, Columbia, Beverley [M. English], to Elise K. Doby, Camden (his arrival in Columbia "just in time for the State ball," Bessie Gist visiting his sister, planning to go in business with Joe, comparing the people here with those of St. Louis - "the South Carolinians are the highest toned people in the world but they do not know what work is," his love of fishing, discussing various circuses, anticipating a visit to Camden).

ALS, 8 Dec. 1884, Columbia, Beverley [M. English], to Elise K. Doby, Camden (discussing his affairs and family, Robert joining both of his societies).

1910s

ALS, 22 Dec. [18]84, Columbia, Beverley [M. English], to Elise K. Doby, Camden (re his disappointment at not going to Camden, plans for various business activities on Fenwick Island - stock farming, truck farming, and store keeping; his recent visit to Charleston but did not know she was there also, his niece, hunting dogs, his desire to live on the ocean).

ALS, 22 Feb. [18]85, Columbia, Beverley [M. English], to [Elise K. Doby] (their engagement, asking her not to round dance but approving of other activities, admonishing her not to look forward to trouble).

ALS, 10 Mar. 1885, Columbia, J. M. English, to Elise K. Doby (expressing approval of her engagement to Beverley).

1910s

ALS, 2 Feb. 1917, Glasgow, John K. McDowell, to Mrs. Alfred E. Doby, Columbia (reminding her she is not an old woman, Aunt Nancy "hale & hearty at 86," other members of the family - a lad of 19 lost in the war, brutality of the Germans).

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5 MSS, n. d. (envelopes).