

"Home"

August 18, 1863

Dear Del,

I received your kind letter night before last. You can not imagine how much good it done me. You done just right in not waiting for me to commence the correspondence and I hope you will forgive my negligence as I promise there shall be no cause for complaint in the future. I go to Columbus tomorrow with some of the boys who wish to enter the Cavalry service. I can not say as yet wether (sic) I will remain with them or not. We failed to get our men accepted as Infantry and if I go at all it will be in the Cavalry. I have had offer of a Sec. Lieut. which I will probably take if I can do no better and will inform you of my course as soon as it is decided. I was sorry to learn that you had the head ache and trust that you will follow your (Ma's?) advice and resign, as I assure you that you will have no difficulty in obtaining a position in the country at any time you may wish it. And though the school may not be very large I will do all I can to make it agreeable. Won't you? I am very anxious to know my fate and trust you will not keep me in suspense any longer than you can help. (sic)

I shall expect to hear from you by tomorrows mail and if I should not shall feel disapointed (sic) though I would have no right to. I have not time to write much now as I am going to Cadiz this afternoon, but will write to you again from Columbus Sunday unless I should return Saturday, nor I do not wish you to suppose that I consider this an answer to your good () for it is not worthy of that distinction. Yet I know you will think better of me than if I had written more and delayed longer. I received a note from Annie which I will answer soon. Give her my love, and a kiss for me. All the rest of the love I have I send ~~to~~^{to} your own dear self with any amount of kisses.

Yours,

S.R. Clark