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excuse for not writing oftener [sic]. for my part dear wife I do not want any excuse for not writing you it is indeed a very great pleasure for me to write you. & why should it not be - one who has always loved me so well as you have - giving me your heart & hand whilst so young & lovely - Darling I do pray that I may be more worthy of it & of you - I am in hopes soon to send you some money I have not drawn any yet from Gov. I made out my pay acc [sic] & sent it to Cincinnati, but- the pay-master then has no money he said on hand - but will have it soon. I wish to send you \$200 - when he pays me - My Bro. now is drawing Capt. pay whilst he commands the comp. also - Bro. Edwin Recd his commission as 2nd Lieut. in the 1st Iowa [cavly] dated the 4th of Sept. I know he had been expecting it - & he deserves it. it is as good as a Capt. position in Infantry & I think a great deal better - so three of mothers [sic] boys had commisions [sic] - & when I can get where the other boys are - will try & do - something for them - My darling I want to save something during the war so that we can have a snug little home sometime wont [sic] that be so nice -

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how many times do I reflect love upon our past lives - how long you were my "girl" & now that you are my Darling wife - when I think of it my heart is at ease - & then I think how trying it is to be absent from you - & I know you think so too, but it is quite different with you - you are at home - have your dear mother with you - your bro. & sisters & friends - So do I have my friends - & friends in the army are generally good ones - they at least ought to be [sic] -- The Col. Atkin has been a very good friend since I left Rockford & I have hopes that he will be promoted - before a very great length of time - You must not expect much from me to night - but I promise you that when I receive a letter from you again that I will write you a better letter! hoping darling that you are well & enjoying yourself - I bid you "Good Night" pleasant dreams &c from your affct. husband C.T.Dunham

(kisses)

Sadie E Dunham

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P.S. Remember me to your ma will you & others in the morning I am going out to Harridsbough [sic] to see about some paroled prisoners &c CTD