

Platte City Mo Sep 18 1862

~~write again~~  
Dear Wife I was having a little time so I try to  
write again I suppose you have heard before this that we are orderd to Ft  
Scott 150 mile from here vrry near south one battation has gon to Fort  
Leavenworth to get the Horses shod our battation will go over to morrow and  
be there a week or two and then I shal try and go to quindaro and see  
Mr. Stores I think he must be full of buisness at this time for he  
took at least 25 or 30 <sup>Slaves</sup> over to Kansas last night on horse back and a foot and  
more will go to night (we saw a new feature of the Slave Siston yesterday  
in this town that was a sale of Slaves one woman and two children  
and what is worse they was the children of the man that sold them so  
say the slaves here and so they look to be they was sold for \$175 one  
of the Soldiers went to the man that bought them and told him he  
ought to have his thought cut I reecon there was some swaring  
about the matter but I suppose the slave holders think they have  
the worst of it one widdow woman lost 2 slaves one night this week  
besides a good Horse and some other things so it goes here

we heard some verry cheering news from ~~of~~ Prices Army last evening and the  
Band was orderd out to play on the occasion but I thong some as the  
Slaves did that it was to good to be true; I suppose you know the ~~the~~  
of it by this time better than I - we are hearing good news from other  
quarters to and our Capt talks as if the war was about to closed  
I pre sume you are as well posted as he is - as for my part I dont  
care how quick matters are settled and yhet I dont care how fur  
south we go betwen this and hot weather and get back all right  
I am in the cooking buisness yhet and may be for some time  
we shal all haf to leave our satchel and most of our thing at the  
Secret we can carry only a change of shirts and drawers you may  
direct your letters to Sgt Levenworth they will follow the regiment  
our Cornel has ben promoted a brigadier General and we expect  
that our Capt will be Major Capt Keen has resined and will go  
home he has ben hated by all of his Co they want Lesley for Capt  
we are having a gener al change of Officers our orderly Sargent is  
first Lieutenant &c &c