



Palt. & Ohio R.R.
Sep 28th, 3 P.M.

My dear Wife-

We have just arrived
at Grafton 280 miles from Baltimore -
Have not stopped except for wood &
water for the engine or to pass other trains.
Last night we were served coffee at
Martinsburgh & again this morning at
Fries Creek - It is very tedious riding -
We have box cars which are provided with
a row of seats lengthwise around the outside
& one through the middle - Of course with
40 men to the car we are rather close -
During the day some ride on the top - but
at nights all are within - It is impossi-
ble to get much rest - We can not lie
down at full length - From this point
we take the Wheeling branch & shall
drop the Ohio at Benwood & thence
by cars to Cincinnati - So we are
like to get about as much car riding
as will satisfy desire for some time

Since writing the above I find we are
to be served to Coffee here. We have had
some most romantic scenery while crossing the
Alleghenies - From Martinsburgh to New
Creek we travelled by night - But as
it was moonny we could distinguish
the outlines - However our eyes get so
full of cinders that it is painful to keep
looking - I think this route rather sur-
passes the N.Y. & E. for grand views - There
are several tunnels, one $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile
long - When we came to ^{the} highest ridge
the train was divided into three, each
with a heavy engine & thus in close
company we ascended the heavy
grades - Arriving at the top the
trains were gradually united into
one & we descended to this side -
The route is very crooked which adds
much to the interest of the passage
over these great variations of
nature - All have enjoyed the
ride very much so far, with

If we are not a set of sleepy fellows about the time of our arrival in Nashville there is no telling what deprivation of rest we shall not be able to stand - But no one complains - All were glad to get out of Va - though we are still in the state -

I have no time for more if this goes now - The mail is just here