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My Dear Wife –

Quite unexpectedly I am once more in civilized life – Came down to Alexandria Sunday night on a 4 days pass – 1st to secure the removal of the remains of C. W. Andrus, who was buried there; & 2d to make a deposition – The latter part was not so agreeable, but I saw no chance to avoid it – It related to the lawsuit pending between Wm. I. & Mr. Atwater – Wm. I. is a curious fellow – Probably I could not have obtained leave of absence but for his claim – Although we were desirous to gratify Mr. Andrews, who requested Capt. W. to forward the body – You need not say anything to your neighbors of the deposition matter unless it should appear necessary – Am sorry to get mixed up in the affair at all – Don't believe my testimony will be of much benefit anyhow – **(Pg. 2)** Got the business of removing the body & embalming xc. all done yesterday about 4 PM & took the boat to this city – Staid last night with Mr. I at Mr. Elvans – the friend where they visit here – It is a grand place – You can hardly imagine the contrast between camp life & this to which I have so suddenly passed – Everything is sumptuous – But I should much rather have seen my own plain house & the loved ones there – Today I have visited the hospital where Edgar Upson is & been to the Capitol, looked upon Congress - viewed the city xc. xc. – How strange it does seem to be surrounded by all these signs of business trade peace & comfort – How strange indeed it does seem to see women dressed decently!! – Tomorrow I shall go to the convalescent camp & several hospitals out side of Alexandria & next day return to camp again – I guess you won't be sorry that this little respite has been awarded me – However I had rather someone else had been assigned **(Pg. 3)** to the duty - These hospitals appear much better than I had expected – In plain truth Uncle Sam has done all he could for the comfort of his sick boys – The one where Edgar is contains 600 more or less – The beds are clean & everything is neat & pleasant – We shall have to ease ourselves of much unfavorable impression about these firmament places for the wounded & the unwell-

Charles is home before now – He was like a boy with a new top when that 30 days furlough came – He will give you a visit, also Wm I. – I have sent some little presents to the children – shall remember, when money is more plenty, that I have a wife worthy of some good token – Be patient – Guess from what they talked in the Senate today that Dear Uncle Samuel will pay his lads their due soon – Will write more in detail when I get back –

Yours in haste but lovingly, A. Upson