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Plantsville, Conn.

*(Envelope is postmarked Washington D.C. Apr 25 1863 with a 3-cent stamp. Letter is on two sheets of lined stationery and is written in ink on three sides.)*

Stafford Co. House, Va.  
April 23rd, 1863

My Dear Wife,

Yours of Saturday morning came in last evening – We are still here & there is no new indications of moving – Had brigade drill yesterday & this morning at 8 ½ I go on picket – It commenced raining during the night & is coming down now as though the sea had got overhead – Once in a while a drop falls on my paper – I am in fine spirits - & can do full duty at meal times – Atwood & C.A. Roberts were sent to Washington 2 days since Wiard arrived yesterday – Wish you would send me a few postage stamps soon – Why do you wish to sell Bailey? The heifer is worth more than 25 dollars – **(Pg. 2)** The drums begin – I did not know it was so late – Must go - Shall write at length soon –

Yours Ever  
A. Upson

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You may also put in bed tick & a good long comfortable – My toes have been cold the last two nights – Don't think of anything more; but you may – I want as few articles of furniture as possible – Guess we shall get a mess chest – But what I have specified will not come amiss – I will write again in a day or two – Since writing the above we have talked up matters – You need not get knives, forks, spoons or utensils until hearing further – But calculate to fill me a bbl.

Hastily  
A. Upson –

I have concluded not to send the \$20 – Don't like to risk losing it – Still our boys receive remittances from home all right – I shall let C. Clark take it & get it changed –