

Annapolis

Tuesday 11 Nov 1873

My darling wife

I got your two letters Saturday & Monday this morning & am rejoiced that you & dear baby are well & flourishing – I have not been quite as well for the past six months but I suppose one must sometimes not be as well – this morning I had a slight attack of confused vision & very and handy a foot for half an hour followed by a slight headache – I think it may be a touch of malaria of some kind & I have just taken a 2 gram pill of quinine. I hope DV to be all right tomorrow.

I have no particular news—Mrs. Magruder is still in bed & will be for many days, I fear - - tho' no bones broken- I think we will be able to get a nurse here & I will tell you all about it in a few days & can you[?] keep and strong [?]. I [words came [?] say to 26- at latest[words faded] do for you dearest, to fatigue yourself – you must fast get strong & well – if Mrs. S [?] cannot you get some person for a week or ten days until I arrive.

Mr. & Mrs. Ray (bride & groom) have just arrived & taken possession of their new house – the large house below Mrs. Craigs [sic] some distance.

The theaters come off on Friday night so I hope to see them before we leave.

After Thursday write me care of Capⁿ Cane

Steamboat Cygnet

Norfolk, Va.

The mail leaves Norfolk for Currituck on Monday & Thursday at 6 A. M. The place I go to is called Mrs. Van Slycks, Currituck, Co, NC but address as I told you care Cap Cane. I will most likely leave here for Norfolk [words faded] heading a week.

Give my best love to all and lots for yourself-

Yours as ever

JBH

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