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Columbia – May 21st 1861

My Dear Husband

I suppose you received the package I sent on Saturday evening by Capt Hay containing those likenesses. I thought it would please you to have the children's. I think Blanton's is very good, the rest are not as good as they might be. It was raining again this morning. I pity the poor soldiers, I hope it will not last long. It was one month on Saturday since you left home, it seems like two to us. I saw Mr. Fisher in Church yesterday he looks well he told me he was going up to Harrisburg again today. he said, Mrs Fisher went with me to see you and he wanted me to go with her to see him. I heard – Mary Young was in York did you see her? Lizzie Ryan came and told me she saw you when she was over. Mr Galt and Lieut Smith (I think that was the name) called to see me last evening they said Major Givens was coming to see me but he did not come. Columbia is very quiet. Mr Appold comes to see me every day to tell me all about the boats he seems very anxious to do all for the best. the friend's and neighbors are all very kind and seem anxious to give me any assistance I may need. Dr Darcy called last evening and offered his services he said any thing that he could do I should let him know he would do it cheerfully so you see I shall not want for friends they are all here but the right one. Mary Sheller came to see me on Friday. She went down in the 1 o'clock train.

Jim McMann is not well yet. That is he is not right in his mind. He is at his mothers. He gave them the slip last week on[e] day and went up to the house they used to live in and tried to get in front then went into the yard and tried the doors and shutters and when he found he could not get in he walked up and down the porch and said he wanted to see Mary they could not coax him away until Peter McTague came and made him believe he would take him to get a drink. It was a pitefull sight to see him walking along without a hat and a crowd of children after him. My Dear although it is hard to be separated from you, yet I would rather a thousand times it were thus than you should destroy your mind with liquor. I am not at all uneasy for I know that will never happen. my love to all inquiring friends good bye write soon we are all well. From you affectionate wife

Annie E Welsh

Scope and Content:

Handwritten letter from Annie Welsh to husband, Thomas. Columbia. Letter contains news from home for her husband, who is temporarily at Camp Scott in York, York County. Text includes information about weather, visits from various people in Columbia, and her concerns for his well-being.

