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Document: *Letter to Annie February 26, 1863*

Transcription:

Newport News Va.
February 26th 1863

My dear Wife;

I write this morning for the purpose of inviting you to pay us a visit. We have a very pleasant Camp – and can make every thing very comfortable for you. I would like you to bring one or two of the children with you. You might also invite one or two Lady friends to come along. We can make room for them and make their visit agreeable. If Blant would likely be troublesome, you could bring Lillie or some of the others. I can arrange convenience better than we had at Acquia Creek and would really be delighted to have you come. The Boat leaves Baltimore at five o'clock every evening and gets to Fortress Monroe early next morning – the Boats are very commodious and safe. You could leave home in the morning arrive in Balt^l at one o'clock and take the evening Boat and be here next morning – only 24 hours after starting – by Telegraphing to Edwin he would meet you and put you on the boat. You could have a state room on the Boat and sleep as comfortable as at home. Now I think that with one or two of the children you could enjoy this trip very much – spend a few days here and then return. Come as soon as possible for fear we may have to move from here.

I can accommodate you and four or five others very nicely. So do please come and come at once – no use in make arrangements come as you are write and Telegraph so that I can be at the Boat to meet you – the Boat stops at Fortress Monroe – another Boat comes from there to Newport News. Howard goes to the Fortress every morning to bring the papers. I will let him go to the Boat every day to look for you. Should you come without sending word to me – you will stay on the Baltimore Boat until I or Howard call for you – the Boat remains at the Fortress all day. It might get there in the morning a little too early for us. I send a note which Edwin will have the goodness to get signed by the Provost Marshal in Baltimore which I believe is all that is necessary to bring you through – of course you will have to pay passage. I think the charge from Balt— will be six or seven dollars.

I shall be looking for you and some of the children, in a few days. If any person accompanies you put the name in the paper. I think there could be no trouble at Baltimore but if you have their paper – it would I think all be right – I am very well – come at once. I will look for you daily.

Yours affectionately
Tho^s Welsh



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Analysis: Wiggin

This suggests that she visited at Acquia Creek the previous summer.

Scope and Content Note:

Transcription of letter from Thomas Welsh to his wife, Annie. From Newport News, Virginia. Letter asks Annie to pay him a visit at camp and to bring one or two children and/or "Lady friends." Explains procedure for getting from Baltimore to Fortress Monroe to Newport News.

