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dependant we are on his lave and ming for everything that we enjoy I shall never fail from this time, to return gretifull thanks for all of the blessing that He has bestowed upon me, and to pray that I may return to you and find you all in health, and I hope you will not forget when you are asking this protection for my that the will help me to leave a better lige, I feel as though, you are in his care, and that he will be your protection, let what will happen to me, and I asome you that the thought is a great comfort to me, I do not monder my poor girl feels anxious and worried, on my account. but I assure you that your Jeans greatly maynify the dangers of my position, and I do hope dear 6 ming. position, and I do hope dear & ming. that you will try and be as cheerfull and hopefull as possible, you I assure you my own darling, that your happiness

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money, like some of the momen about there, just think if I would change my little darling sick wife for any of them, and all the money in the world heardes. When I get home again, I will take such come of you, that you shall feel your fuble health to be a blessing to you. I am very song that I could not keep that yournal, since you mould like it, hurt tell you oney, that when a four fellow has to cum every ownce that he is able to such a small affair as that is a hunder. You may be one that I have got all the land that I cam carry, since am obliged to burn who your letters. I cannor carry them with me, and do not like to leave themetale darling sick wife gor cing "ld. of them, and all the money in the world besides. When I get home again, I will take such come of you, that

money, like some of the women about there, just think if I would change my little darling sick wife for any of them, and all the money in the world besides. When I get home again, I will take such care of you, that you shall feel your feeble health to be a blessing to you. I am very sorry, that I could not keep that journal, since you would like it, but I tell you Emmy, that when a poor fellow has to carry every ounce that he is able to such a small affair as that is a burden. You may be sure that I have got all the load that I can carry, since I am obliged to burn up your letters. I cannot carry them with me, and do not like to leave them in my knapsack, as it is liable to be lost any day, and I do not wish to have any strangers read my precious letters. I have got 4 now, and

after I finish this, I must read them once more and then him then all hur one. You must write after for they are a great comfort to me, You had better direct to Fortres Monroe, as they will come sooner. Our defeat the other day, did not amount to much after all, we got buck in good order, and for, The eveny de not gain any the by N, and there loss must have been greater them our own, take all the fights for the o days together. Overything looks Javorable for am cemse, and a speedy close of this timble was. It will be a cause for rejuicing, when this them all how one. You must wise after for they are a great comfort to me, you had better direct to

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Everything looks favorable for our cause, and a speedy close of this terrible war. It will be a cause for rejoicing, when this event shall take place, and I hope that there is none that will rejoice more than you and I.

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yesterday. He is still at Fort Cass. He says he saw George a short time ago, but I suppose you hear from him. I was in hopes to hear from mother, but did not. I received one from William a few days ago, which I intend to answer as soon as possible. Tell my little darling not to forget me. Tell my Annie that her father loves her best of anything in the world, except mothr I am glad to learn that you have one less cause for anxiety than you feared when I left, though it is all for your own sake, as I should like it best of anything if it could be, without placeing you in an unpleas ant situation. But now darling I must say good bye again for a little while. I shall write just as often y as possible May God bless and keep you from sorrow, is the prayer of your Leander