

Chattanooga Tenn.
Nov. 1863

Wife:

My application for a leave of absence
has but now come around from the circumlocation
office with the following endorsement.

"Headquarters Dept Cumberland
Nov 5th 1863

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Respectfully returned. - On account of the nature
and extent of the disability, it is deemed best that this
officer should tender his resignation

By order

Maj Gen Geo. H Thomas

Jas R Reynolds

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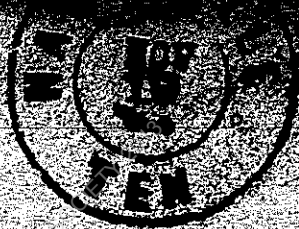
In other words I am not granted a leave, but
am quietly told that I may stay here and die, or resign, just
as I choose. I have about concluded to try the former.
I think as affairs have turned out, I shall stay here, until I am better
or worse, it matters little which. If I am not better by the first of
December, I shall resign. If I am I will remain. If it were not
winter I should feel very uneasy as I have been growing better
for a few days, but these cold wet days and nights are hard on

soldiers afflicted by such diseases. You must not have any anticipations
of my return before that time, - if at all. I am in no mood to write
at present and will not attempt to send you a letter. I write this merely to
advertise you of my continued existence. You must not
feel any alarm about me. I am not dangerously ill and do not
intend to be so.

Give my kindest love to Emma, and remem-
ber me to Angie.

Your Husband
Albencher Tinsley

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