

Five Penn<sup>a</sup> Nov 24<sup>th</sup> 1863

Tuesday Morning

Well, Dear, I have been  
"advertised of your continued ex-  
-istence" for which I am duly grate-  
-ful. Now I am going to give you  
a command which if you do not  
obey instantly. I shall be very apt  
to make my appearance down in  
Texas to reclaim my husband who  
has lost his senses. You are  
to come home, certainly resign  
if you can come no other way.  
I do not think you "dangerously  
ill" or going to be, but I do think  
it would be far better for you to  
be a citizen than a soldier now.  
You wonder what I would do with  
you if you come Well, Darling, I  
would take you home to my home  
and nurse you up. You are sick

going to be as you are very long if  
 you will take the right measures to be  
 yourself again I should not be  
 lying in your tent constantly exposed  
 to the such cold weather, living  
 on little less than gitching and  
 tormenting yourself <sup>with the thought</sup> that you are  
 not going to walk again, that you  
 have a wife looking to you for support  
 and all this sort of thing - Come  
 to me Albin I know you will  
 see sunshine if you do think the  
 clouds are leagues thick  
 I think it too bad that you are not  
 granted leave of absence, but if  
 you cannot have that you can  
 resign and we will <sup>appoint</sup> ~~make~~ you  
 them and have you ready to do  
 Uncle Sam another favor in a  
 few months if he has missed  
 you - Kill him by kindness you see  
 Love. This cannot reach you before

the 1st of December, so your decision  
 will be made. but if you have con-  
 cluded to remain, unless you  
 are very much better, you must  
 not how remember, and do as  
 I want you should this time I  
 willingly shoulder all consequences  
 that may follow - I can't leave  
 at any time, with no inconvenience  
 to myself. Nothing would give me  
 the happiness as to be your wife  
 in truth now. I may not under-  
 stand your situation for you know  
 Dad, my information about you  
 has not been very extensive of late  
 being confined to two short <sup>unpleasant</sup>  
 notes, but I know you too well to ex-  
 pect more, and don't feel bad  
 it at all. You did just as well as  
 you could. Come soon to  
 Your waiting wife  
 Emma

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