

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

House of Representatives,

Raleigh, Jan 19<sup>th</sup> 1869

My Dear Wife -

I doubt not but I shall have to stay here for a month or more not that it is necessary but it will produce dissatisfaction, as I fear, if I do not. It is probably best policy for me to stay and so not give any occasion for complaint -

Cannot you come down and stay with me? I am away from home so much that really I can't spare you during my vacation -

I think I will get a room and look for you down to-morrow - You can make some arrangements and leave the house &c. I cannot possibly stay alone and do not like to be running back and forth - The train will be changed after tomorrow

and you will have to start at  
One o'clock A.M. Now just pack  
up a few things when you get this  
— putting in my black coat — and  
send for Alex to take you to the  
depot tomorrow morning —

Ah? What say you my dear? And  
meantime I will get a room and  
have a rush prepared for my bird.  
Come over, Aunt Gene will take  
care — to home — and I am  
so lonesome — Come please, that's  
a good darling — I must stay  
this month out, anyhow and can't  
possibly live without you. Pack  
up your trunk and come —

I shall look for you carefully —

Heartily

Albin