Frankfort Ky
Sept 4 1861.

My Dear Wife -

Your letter of Monday was received this morning. I was very much gratified to hear that you was well. When I left home, I knew you was sick, from the fatigue and excitement of getting me ready - and expected you would get down.

I have felt quite uncomfortable until yesterday evening - today I feel quite as well as usual, and hope I may continue to do so. Mr Porter, is here and looks well. As little change in his looks as any one.

I have met many acquaintances, and has a pleasant time, with the exceptions of illness.

The House, organized on Monday by the election of Judge Richd. A Buckner, Speaker. W. J. Samuels Clerk. John B Dyer ass't Clk. John L Smedley Sergant-at-arms. and Anderson Gray, door keeper.

We have done nothing, on account of the Senate, not being able up to this time to organize. The difficulty in the Way of the Senates organizing, results from the election of eight more new Senators than Allows by the Constitution. A new apportionment was made at the last regular Session, and much Confusion has resulted from it. Some difficulty

questions are executed. I think an organization will be effected by tomorrow. Until that time we cannot get the Governor's Message. We are somewhat anxious to see what the Governor has to say, now that the people have thrice decided for the Union. He ought to bow to the popular will.

We have not yet discussed our line of operation, no conclusion, unless merely suggestion, as to measures, but will wait for the Message. I think there is no doubt but the Legislature will assume the payment of the direct tax & provide for its payment, with a view to collecting

it from the people.

I do not think any attempt will be made to impeach the Governor. Then is one question about which there may be some diversity of opinion among Union men. That is the Military Camps. Organized in Ky by the Federal Government. Some are in favor of maintaining, and permitting them, whilst others desire them removed. I am of opinion that a large majority of Union men are in favor of retaining the Camps. The men are Kentuckians, officers by Kentuckians, and to be used exclusively for Ky defence. To repel invasion, but not to make war on any

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My Dear Mrs. J

I recd your letter today informing me of the illness of Annie. I am glad to know she is better. I hope to hear from you again this week.

I wrote you on Monday and sent by express to Cincinnati, I hope you got it today. I was not well when I wrote, and am not now, but today I am much improved and feel that in a few days I shall be well as usual.

I have been taking medicine since Monday - but am only taking a tonic today.

I was killing - but the principal difficulty has been a determination of blood to the head.

I am very prudent - and I think you may rely on my being entirely well in a very short time. Indeed I feel that I am now well.

I will not undertake to give you political news. Except to say that the Union men are determined upon active, prompt & energetic action to sustain the Government.

Today a resolution passed both Houses, requesting the Governor to demand the withdrawal of the Confederate forces from Ky. unconditionally -

My friends must excuse
My failure to write them
to them. as I have
been unable to do so.
They can see by the news-
papers pretty much what
is doing.
I will write to you again
this week.

Your affectionate
Husband
W. C. Ireland.

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Sena Salis Ky Sept 13th

Mr. S. D. Ireland

Dear Sir. I recived
Your communication of Date
Sept. 4th. In which You request
of me an answer; and my knowledge
of a Silver mine in this, my county
~~County~~ — I will say to You that I
know nothing of any such mine
more than a flying report that
in old times there was one some
where near Goose creek or its
waters — though I would say to
You that any information of
the latitude of our county I could
give — I am situate about four
miles above the forks of Goose creek
and about 20 above the mouth
of the Red Bird — which Junction
with Goose creek form the South
Fork of Kentucky River. I am very
well acquainted on the creek and will
take pleasure in assisting You to
make any discoveries which You may
wish — If You should come on the
creek inquire for me — whom any

Person can tell You — I Shall be glad to See You and render You any assistance in my Power. —

Respectfully

G. B. Duncan

Should You Delay coming for a few weeks write me at what time You can come — that I may be at home and Prepared to accompany You I Shall delight in the trip —

G. B. Duncan

Greensburg Ky Feb 5th 1861

Mr W. C. Ireland

Dear Sir on the 24th of January I wrote a letter to W. M. Rust in relation to the Volunteer Company that you and I talked of the evening on which you started for Frankfort I requested him to see you and for you both to see the Governor and to know of him if we could get the kind of arms that you and I had talked of And I also sent him a list of the men that had volunteered with the obligation that each of us had signed there was at that time some 32 names we have now 42 and are ready to report but have been waiting for an answer from [redacted] or yourself we are afraid that our letter has miscarried and we agane appeal to you both to set forth our claim We want 50 Stand of the latest and best Rifles of the longest range and one six or [redacted] or twelve pounder Cannon we are on the frontier of the State and in case of need shall want such arms as will put us on an equal footing with any enemy that may oppose us and it is all important as our town is a county seat that we should have some kind of defence for the county records for in case there should be a dissolution and the Ohio river be the boundry line we may be annoyed with bands of Robbers and other lawless gangs from either side of the river for we will not be secure from the hungry furnace Hands that will be thrown out of employment in this Iron region Should we have need of defence there is no arms nearer to us than Maysville and I think that it is all important that there should be one