My Dear Wife

I am ordered to take up a lot of Soldiers to Augusta Ky as the Rebels have taken that place and Burned it we are to take up a lot of men and land them Below to attract and whip the Rebels if they can I will land a good piece Below too as I don't want shot. I will write a full acct on our return I have no time to write much now. your Mother was here yesterday and is well I am well & Hope you and all the children are well take good care of your Health and that of the children. I wrote you a long letter a few days ago I recd yours yesterday and am sorry that Willie is not well but hope he will soon recover give my respects to all and write often and longer I yesterday learned what we are to get for our Boat and my Portions is forty Dollars clear each day say nothing about it I hope to stay here Some time yet

Ever Yours truly WB Anderson

P.S. We got our Coal found us and one Hundred & Fifty Dolls per Day for the whole Boat as we have not got steam up I will write on. in your Letter you said that the man was there to assess the Buggy I suppose the calculation is to lay a heavy tax on it as we Keep it for our own use all right I will get it with interest back out of Uncle Sam while I am here if all goes well. I suppose Mr Walsh might as well Hole what potatoes you dont want in the Cellar down in the field where they are and secure them by a fence around there and Keep the Cows from there where he pastures the Stalks. You can manage things the best way you think till I come I cannot tell when I will be back home now but may accidentally get home sooner that I look for I will it has the appearance of rain this morning and if water comes to let larger Boats run there we are done here and home I will go you cannot sensure me for being so indifferent or appearing so indifferent about home when you know what I am to get for staying away if I can only get what I now get and have health I would like to stay here a good while and then when I go home to stay there the Bal of my days I will stop so good bie write soon and give all the news and Kiss the children

Yours ever WBA

Excuse all ever as I am in haste