

Little Washington La March 20th 1864

Dear Mother

I know you will think that I am not verry punctual but I am not to blame for it this time. I tried to write last Sunday but had so much to do that I could not. We started on the march Tuesday morning & this is the first chance we have had to rest a day. We have marched something more than 100 miles in the five days. There is not much to write about for I have marched so much that I dont see anything new. Foote has been sick all the way & had to ride in a carriage but he is all right now & will take his horse again tomorrow. We have had verry strong march winds since we started & it is hard work to tell the difference between a white man and a nigger. There was a dispatch from Genl Banks the other night saying that Alexandria had been taken so we shall not see any trouble for some time to come. I had a letter from Gust the morning after we left Franklin & will answer it right away. I got your letter and Miss Georgias note & photograph for wich I am verry thankful but when I wrote you to send it, I did not think you would pay any attention to it, but however I guess there is no harm done. I expect we shall be in Alexandria next Thursday as it is only 80 miles from here. We are getting plenty of Eggs & Chickens now so we dont have to go hungry. I guess I wont write any more now, for I have got considerable to do today. I will write as soon as we stop again

Your Affectionate Son
C.J. Hardaway