

APPENDIX

Camp Gilpin Jan. 21st 1863

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I have packed all superfluous articles in my valises which will soon reach you by Express.

I have with me, some paper and envelopes, pen, inkstand, etc. 2 under shirts, 2 over shirts, 3 pair stockings, 2 pair drawers, and other little articles usefull.

The clothes which you will find in the valise are rather dirty, but you can remedy that--the sheet which is packed around my dress coat and vest is a sanitary article, better keep it for a curiosity.

Did I leave my bible at home, I have looked for it high and low and cannot find it.

We are expecting the train every minute so I will have to close.

My love to all.

Affectionately

Richd. H. Webb

P.S. We are now one mile from the above place and actually out of doors had the sky for a ceiling last night, we left Fairfax at 2 and arrived here at 3 last night.

Tell Father to put those papers which are done up with red tape, in the safe, they may be of some advantage if any other papers are ever returned.

Webb

Telegraph to T. D. Webb Esq:

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To *Thos D Webb Esq*

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Yours James
Dr Col E M

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Copy of telegram to T. D. Webb, Esq.

In Telegraph envelope
The American Telegraphy Co.

Dated-- Fort Monroe, June 4, 1865

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