July 31, 1863
Dear Ireland:

Having heard nothing from you since the 17th of last month when you wrote to express your anxiety about the health of Mr. and Mrs. Smith, I conclude that my letters to them written on the 27th of last month were not reached. I do not write to express my love for you and let your remembrance of a friend, who has "short memory, kind heart, constant, with you and yours forever," write your appreciation that they may be more fortunate.

I was greatly gratified to hear from you that I might receive the desired expression of afriendship with whom I have spent so many pleasant moments. I am so much at home, but I am always thinking of you and ever desiring to hear from you. I should be happy to receive the desired expression of afriendship with whom I have spent so many pleasant moments, even if for a short time.
have been such that we never can forget or become indifferent to each other. I shall ever feel a deep interest in the Union and its fate. I shall feel that we have met them without丝毫 enmity at the right hand nor at the left - to the North nor to the South. But manhood straight forward will resolve any question in its extremest form, but never in a deeper interest in any one than yourself. I was sadly disappointed at your not being the candidate for Congress in your district. I am satisfied that you are the decided choice of the large men of the district. I hope that your ambition to advance for it yourself. I shall rely on you to aid the public welfare.
county. I would you from your district. Burnam from his atBruntnot from his, butI was disappointed as all until the death of the venerable Distinct was restored in the remaining district. But every month fees that divination disturbing will elect Brothers. We will beat Morgan in this district. Have have anxiously looking. This not you an a candidate for re-election to the legislature but have some

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commit it for me in consideration for the loss on casualties - I think it is fair. The last two months have sealed its fate. The future trouble will be to keep down.

political democrats at home to make the victory of the army incomplete. I had them for war, these winds, in answer of their name is given truly. Your story about what you have been can scarcely look for the spirit of my spirit for which you endured. Really, I have been so constantly engaged since my return home that I have never had time to compare the pros and cons until these two weeks since I took the

ministerial secret to the only printer in this town who could get the job up before the election. I had not time to attend to it in time.

Therefore, it must be left in waiting for my biographer. I really suppose it is not worth printing now although I think I have improved it since. Indeed I doubt not know that it cannot be in very good taste to treat it as this latter day. There it would look logistic. But for this reason I am for the matter I would not have it be

emanate it to my friends - write it down to them. Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
"Modesty, the frantic untier of flowers that bloomed in purity and prist but died, with early blossoms doomed at an untimely call. It is so frail, so delicate, as to seem if it but look upon it help. And they who venture to believe it their bound by that subtle thing of their hand, not."
Commonwealth of Kentucky,

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

Frankfort, Sept 12th, 1863.

W. G. Ireland,

The Mustering

Officers are under Order not to Musteer any one under 18 without the Consent of the parent or guardian.

I will have the Order republished; but I suppose they all understand their duty, and will not violate the Law.

If the Citizens will form State Guard Companies and report under our present
laws. I will have them armed and called out when necessary and when needed for defense. I am trying to have this done. But to do it they must put their "own shoulders to the wheel". I will do all in my power to put them in defensive condition. Companies are being formed in many places for this purpose.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
Thursday, December 10th, 1863

My dear Wife,

I am very ill and have been feeling unusually ill since I left home.

If any letter that came from the store contains, please forward it to me at once. Open any letters I forward any that you may think require immediate attention, as they should be answered at once.

If you have time, I would like it if you could write me. I understand out of that heavy brown Muslin, I also need another pair of drawers, but you can bring a pair of the others if they will do. I may probably need to be at home. I left my briefs for case in Court of Appeals, and must come home and get them, so send you the key of the office so that you can get them. Don’t undertake to make me a pair of drawers, as I can buy a pair about as cheap, and I know you will be humbled.
in getting yourself & Sally ready for the trip.
I have on one of my new shirts & it fits fairly. Dan, has been down
all week. They & I, have been at
Versailles. On this Tuesday, into the County. I have not heard from
you. I am anxious to hear how
you are, and how you like your
new blanket.

Yours aff. Husband

Mr. D. Inland

I'll tell Sally, that my letter to you, was for her also, and she must to regard
them, and not feel slighted if I
should at any time fail to mention
her.

M. D.