

S. Planes (torn) 11th 1863

(written on part of sheet torn from letter to H. Thomas – written both sides)

My dear wife, I will drop you a line this morning as I have a chance to send it, I have nothing of much importance to write. The Yanks have not attacked us yet and the information now is pretty straight that they have all got back to Kentucky. We are now building defensive works in order to protect the bridge. The late raid has demonstrated the necessity of strong guards to protect the bridges.

This is Sunday morning and one of the most resplendent sunshiny mornings that I have seen. Oh how I wish I could rest today, but war knows no Sunday, but I am convinced that there is no excuse for three fourths of what is done on Sunday. If I was at home how I could rest today with you. I would not want to go to church nor any where else I would not want any body to come to see us but I would want to rest, I would draw our chairs close to the fire and read and talk (torn) with you, while I have been scri (torn) at this I have had to stop three or four times to write orders. Another stop. I have got about well. Write to me often. Yours as ever, kiss the babies for me.

Jas. W. Terrell

(address in part second side)

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