

Ha Quincy
Hardenville Dec 21. 1864.

A few hurried lines were penned by me to you, my precious wife, upon my arrival at this place about mid-day and committed to the care of the R R Conductor, with what success you best can tell. Bishop Elliott here in the morning and has very kindly promised to see you in person and assure you of my sincere regards, and kindest remembrance. -

Our Army with the exception of Whelan's Cavalry is now concentrated at this point. Fort Sumter is in the hands of the Enemy - who entered the City this morning about seven o'clock and raised their hated flags at various localities. - Whether or not depredations have been committed, we do not know. I pity from the bottom of my heart the women and children. It is an unspeakable joy to me my Eva to know that you are not there. Now it otherwise, I do not see how I could bear the anxiety on your account. -

I tried to get Mr Anderson to come and occupy our house. She promised to do so at first but at the last moment stated that her Father as she was so anxious on account of his own home and family that she felt herself compelled

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to remain and protect his Home. The horror was
dread of a number of our Books - among them
the Encyclopaedia, Britannica - his Wm. Jones works - Johnson's
Works. Milton, Irving. - Cooper - Bulwer - my Cabinet of
Antique Remains and a good many little articles,
all of which were secured to the Andersons
when I trusted they would escape observation. - The
Plans I directed Murray to take on to the Irish
+ request them to keep for us. I saw the early
entry of the Enemy into the City prevented his
doing this. - Mrs. A. has promised to use every
effort to protect our Home. by placing some good
Officer in it. She knows the Federal Officer and
hopes to be able to accomplish a good deal in
this way. I left Murray in full possession.
Mrs. A. full heir to our stores & Landst. -
I did the best I could, and if after all
Everything is lost, we cannot help it and must
still feel cause for every gratitude to God for all
his great mercies towards us.

I feel very deeply for George O'Brien. He is with
the Army here, and has left his Family in Tenn.
The Evacuation was a perfect success. I was charged
with the Command and withdrawal of the Ar-
tillery. I brought off forty nine Field Pieces - and
would have withdrawn more had I been able
to command the necessary transportation. Our other
guns are placed in positions in the city and in

the boats from were all spiked and disabled. The
mounds upon which we crept were all destroyed
at five o'clock this morning. We retain all of
our force, with the exception of perhaps some
of Wheeler's drunken plundering Cavalry. My impres-
sion is that the Enemy was aware of the evac-
uation during its existence. The Rascal, has
just received Salutes today. - The Iron-Clad
Rams Savannah is still in the River, main-
tained by our Naval Force. and has been pro-
tecting our Steam at Serious Ferry. - She has
been shelled by the Enemy who planted a
Battery in the Bay near the Gas-works,
but as yet without effect. She has been replying.
As I write tonight a very large fire is
discernible in the direction of Savannah. - It is
windy and cold, a fearful night for the
wrecks of this drowning element. - God grant
that this be not added to her other disas-
ters.

As one after another our cherished objects
vanish here slowly and still more slowly do our
hearts cling the more to the others. God bless you
my precious precious wife. I can protect you
no longer but I commend you confidently to His
Keeping. - Let Ruthie and Mother write you
as soon as you can.

I do not know as yet what our movements will

So, or when I can hope to see you again.
Give much love to dear sister, and remem-
ber me to Dennis. - Ever yours my precious wife
that my whole heart is yours
God bless you

Yours ever

Mrs. Eva B. Lamy.

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