

Lawrence August 21, 1843

My very dear Mother,

I have just been ordered by Genl Pierce
to Charleston, to take command of
the Light Artillery or James Jellicoe. I
leave in the morning A.M. not to re-
turn. I expect, if God spares my life,
until the existing difficulties are set-
tled.

The position is one of great responsibility,
and I hope that I may have strength
given me to perform properly the dis-
tinctly all the duties which are devolved
upon me. All my help comes from God,
and every day do I realize more and
more forcibly, my every dependence upon
Him. May He in mercy watch over
and bless with His protecting care
and love you my dear Mother, my
precious little Daughter, Sister, Brothers,
and all who are near and dear
to me. I will hope to do my duty
under every circumstance, and you
will remember, whatever may be-
fall me, that I love you all with

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a heart warm, big, hearty and from the
bottom of that heart, thank you all
for your great and never ceasing kind
help and goodness to me and my life.
Please let me know if my dear little
Daughter should at any time need
any thing.

A detailed statement of my affairs
I have in my two boxes in the
top of the Farmers & Mechanics Bank
in the City.

I regret very much that I did not see
you the privilege of coming out as
I expected to have done, but it was
an impracticable matter and even then
and prevents me from accomplishing
my contemplated visit this week.

I will write you so soon as I can
after getting on, and will tell you
how to direct your letters to me.

So kiss my precious little Daughter
for me, give much love to her, Robert
and the little ones, and believe me ever, my
dearest Mother,
Your affectionate Son,
Mr. Henry James
Nashville.

James H. James