

PS

Will you be charitable enough to allow no one to see or read this except your mother.

Richmond
Kentucky.

Oct. 13th 1864.

My dear Willie

My dear Willie. Feeling very much in the mood
 for letter writing I will write to you as I promised
 Cousin Virginia to let her know about the clock
 we reached home in safety the day we left
 you all found all well. The carriage broke
 down on the way and I feared we would be
 how to remain much longer. We wished on the
 road but fortunately with the aid of some
 friends succeeded in getting it mended sufficiently
 to land us home again. I have
 been ever since very busily engaged
 in making & fixing up my quarters. I have
 already finished making a hat. The sewing
 which I think will be very nice when
 it is finally completed. I received a letter from
 Aunt Caroline a few days since informing
 me of the party given by Cousin Mary last week.
 I felt had quite a number of young ladies
 and gentlemen attended. I attended
 dancing all night so you see what I

~~missed~~ ~~by not staying~~ ~~at~~ ~~consequently~~
ought to appreciate my visit to you very
highly. There is nothing new in this vicinity -
"Hard Times," "Latest War News" & "The Last Prob."
seem to be the all absorbing topics of conversation
some very low-spirited talk about "Virginia"
having to be given up, and others still more
discouraged seem to think the whole Southern
Confederacy is going to be lost, & already see
themselves under the dominion of Yankee
masters. Please say to Cousin Virginia that
all the cloth at county store was gone
& that there was only one cloth left -
eighty five dollars a yard, and as it
was more than she expected to give
did not purchase it, thinking she
could get a better bargain in Richmond
& also that it would have taken four
yards to have made a cloak. My best
love to Cousin Virginia and all. Ma
& Hannie send much love to you at
Hails from ^{all} the news. Remember me
especially to Anna, & ask her has she heard
from Mr. C. Walker or Mr. Edgar Groves lately.
Hoping to hear from you soon.

I am.

Ever your sincere friend
P. D. A.