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New Orleans Jan 15th 1863

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My Dear Wife

The mail by the "Bio Bio" comes at 3 o'clock Father Larnaudes of Baton Rouge called on me this morning. Major McKim is well. The poor people of Baton Rouge are in a terrible state of destitution. He has come down to endeavour to do something for them. Our forces under Genl Weitzel are advancing on Franklin La. I am sorry to hear of the death of Lieut Thos^r McLean Buchanan in command of the Gunboats on the Atchafalaya River. He was picked off by a sharp shooter on the Bayou Teche. I have heard nothing from my Resignation yet. I am afraid I won't but I am in for a fight. I do not know which will hold out the longest. I am afraid I won't like to be shut up so long but will hold out as long as I can. We have had no Rebel news of late. Consider it a good sign as

they are sure to send in any town
they news they can manufacture
with the smallest amount of stock
Father Lavinaudus I say he is kept
pretty busy among the soldiers at
Baton Rouge. 5 or 600 attend every
Sunday they made a small collection
for him \$150.00 he was very thankful
for it I must close this and
send it on so good bye God Bless
you all at home

JWC