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"Home" in New Orleans,

New Orleans Oct 14th 1863

My Dear Wife

I succeeded in getting a splendid house to day after a long search, it is in the center of the City on the corner of Dauphine & Custom House Street. The house belonged to an old Cotton Broker and Planter J. D. Hill, who is out in Rebeldom; the house is splendidly furnished with Statues & Paintings, and the furniture is magnificent in its way; there are 4 or 5 good large beds, but no sheets or Coverlets or pillow Cases, but we shall not want many of these as the Dr. has plenty of new Blankets, and I have my own. I do not think you need bring anything but 2 or 4 sheets & pillow Cases; there is an excellent Range and water & Gas all over the house. Father not had time to examine very closely but I am afraid there is not much table Crackery

there is a plenty of Chamber Crackery and
plenty of Glasses of all kinds, I donot
think you had better bring out any Cr-
ckery as I think they can be purchased at
the auction^{here} very cheap knives & forks
and spoons and small articles not requiring
much room you might bring do not load
yourself down with baggage there are fine
grates in all the Rooms and the house is
beautifully carpeted all through. The house
has 5 handsome furnished Chambers with
beds & splendor bedsteads. A very large
parlor well furnished, a dining Room
and library, & Billiard Saloon, a good
Kitchen. I sent Lieut Goatsman to copy
the Inventory to day he filled 4 pages
of foolscap and says it will take 3 more
to complete it as soon as he finishes it to
Morrow we will take possession, and make
a Close examination, and let you know
the rest of things if any that we shall need.
besides the bed clothes and Crackery but I do ^{not}
care about anything but the bed linen & knives

forks & spoons there were a good many Cords
and some Rooms we could not get into
to day and we can tell better what there
is when the inventory is finished; I receipt
for all there is in the house and have a gu-
-and then, I send you this by the Parker
burgh a slow boat. the ~~North~~ "Morning
Star" leaves here on Saturday Morning ^{avg.} I write
you again by her Capt Healy says you inten-
d to come out by her she is a good boat
as are all the Regular boats running here
and some of the Quarters Masters boats are
very good, Mr Frye has arrived, the weather
is very cool here now below 60 degrees, ^{have} not seen
Capt J. G. H. but once since he came out, I am sorry
you did not write as I can please but believe
^{on} ~~and~~ what little I am told, Every body is well
here as I am told you are at home, I hear
that Col Binge of the 3th Conn has been made a Br-
gadeier Genl, he is a nephew of Gov B. so I suppose
it is all right, If I am to remain in the City all
Right if not, well then something else "this is private"
It is getting late and I must finish by what

I hear you may be on the way before
you get this! if so all right now
as I have the house; it has given me
a deal of bother, from my anxiety about
my Commutation; and houses are getting
scarce, that is furnished ones. I got this
outside of the Military, from the
W. S. Marshall; have made no bargain
about the Rent and do ^{not} mean to pay any
if I can help it. do not think I shall
be asked. So hurry up your cases to
get out as soon as possible, the sus-
pense and anxiety of the last month has been
terrible; have you seen Old Corvill yet?
he went home on the "Evening Star"; I am
in hopes you might have started in
her - make arrangements with Father &
not to send out all letters that come
to the house while you are gone; you will
get one ⁽¹⁾ more letter on next Saturday and
not another until I get one from you.
Give my kindest regards to Father &
and my love to Ellen, kiss the babies
as usual for me until I see them
your loving husband
Thos W Cahill