

Barrage No 1
Louisville Ky
May 31st 1865

Dear Lieutenant:

Your telegram and letter of
25th inst was both received by me yesterday, at
Salem. I had been quite sick for several days
and had gone to Salem to try to get better, but I
have as yet failed. As soon as I received your dispatch
I was very anxious to come and help you with the
final business of the company. I accordingly
started on the first train but arriving at this
place I find I cannot proceed further. I am
so very sick I can scarcely walk. I regret
very much that I cannot be present to help
you. As I am too sick to travel further I have
made arrangements to send N. Smith &
Willis Massy with the Rolls. As soon as I
can get relieved from duty here I will go to
Salem, to Doct. Hobbs for treatment he says he
can cure me in 4 or 5 months, even that
is not very encouraging, but really I have not ^{much} hope