

Wm Dallas

1864.

+ Mother is, for the first time since her marriage, without one of her children at home, I know how lonely she will feel + think it but right to go to her, unless some other change is made

Write to me as often as you can, I will be so glad to hear from you. God bless you + yours my dear friend, + may He give peace to your troubled hearts. With much love to your dear little children + yourself

Believe me

Yours affectionately

Fannie V. Dallas.

Georgetown D.C.

Aug. 15th 1864.

Dear Mr. Bruen,

I regret very much that your letter of the 5th has remained so long unanswered, but I have been quite unwell for the last week + had not the courage to do anything.

I feel so much for you all, dear friend, in this second great loss + yet how little consolation can one give to your aching hearts, I sincerely grieve for you, as I know the sad vacuum left by death, having lost a brother + two sisters some years ago, I felt it deeply then, but as long as God spares my dear husband, I'll willingly suffer any + everything, he has

been in great danger, several times, as long as he is alive. I hear from
since I saw you, but has escaped him daily & am so glad his position
& I had the great pleasure of is more comfortable & though more
seeing him well & happy, about or less in danger, is not so much
two weeks ago; we spoke of you exposed as formerly, he is on Gen.
frequently & begged God to give Patrick's staff. I send the enclosed
you resignation & comfort in which I received yesterday -
your sore trial, not dreaming you Major Blunt was commanding the
had another dear one to mourn Regt. when my husband left, but
for. Ah! how many happy homes has been obliged to leave on account
have been made desolate by of serious illness & Capt. Stanhope
this horrid, cruel war, & in most has command at present. Lieut-
cases the brightest & best are the Van Balgah who was reported, killed,
~~the~~ victims - I love our Country has been from, at Macon Ga. & is
& would make many sacrifices, unwounded. Capt. Smedberg of
but am not willing to give my the 14th has gone North, but it
all, for dearly as I love my Parents is feared he will not recover, the
sisters & brothers, none can take others are doing very well I believe -
the place of my husband, we I am at present, with my
have no children to share our love, Aunt, Miss Meade, but think it very
consequently are all in all to each probable I will return to Father's,
other; this separation is so hard My youngest sister, her husband &
to bear, yet I should never complain babe, have gone to reside in Boston

Mrs. Alex. J. Dallas.

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Called at the Hospital
and was very kind.