

**Mary Kelly to Sarah Gordon**

Winchester, Virginia, March 31, 1862.

Autograph letter signed, 2 pages + envelope.

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Winchester Monday 31

Dear Sarah

I arrived here last night [*inserted*: sunday] by hard travelling though we missed the train near wheeling and was delayed about a day – found Mr Kelly very sadly wounded indeed his recovery very doubtful though some such cases have been known to recover he dont seem to suffer as much as I would expect under the circumstances I hope Sis and mother are doing very well you must stay with them I hope I shall soon be able to come home this is a bad place for a sick person, perhaps I may try to take him on a train tomorrow in the direction of home if I can get him taken so he wont have to be changed on the cars There are some Pennsylvania wounded going tomorrow by the way of Philadelphia it may be that I may go with them He dont think he will ever get over it and is prepared to go, seems perfectly resigned – he dont complain much I think my fate is right hard [2] trouble every spring The wounded are dying every day This is a three story building and very large at that and every room is full its very sad times indeed

I will write again in a few day perhaps I may send a dispatch if necessary

Tell Sis to be a good girl

Mr. Kelly is wounded in the lower part of the abdomen injuring his bowels in soome way a very serious wound indeed I still hope he may be one of the exceptions in this case If we remain here there wont be any Dr left thats any account for all the surgeons expect every day to be ordered on to their regiments about 20 miles from here So if we can go we had better. Mr Slocum is going tomorrow he has his thigh broken but seems in good spirits I think he will soon get well the ladies here have been very kind to our men though there are plenty of secesh here of the meanest kind

I would like to know how you are getting on I hope sis didnt get sick again

Yours Truly Mary Kelly

[*envelope*]

Sallie L. Gordon

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