

Paul Jones Semmes to Emily J. Semmes

Martinsburg, Virginia, July 9, 1863.

Autograph letter signed, 2 pages.

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My Dearest Wife,

I telegraphed you today:

“Severely wounded. Main danger over. Stay at home. Will write.”

I was wounded on the 2 inst. at Gettysburg Penn – I arrived there in an ambulance yesterday, a distance of 60 miles – Abner, Tom Cleveland & Cody are with me – Will write soon again The wound has done remarkably well though I traveled part of 4 days in an ambulance – which was very uncomfortable [*inserted and struck: m*]. not having it after being placed in it at the Hospital until I got here. I now [with] flat of my Back in a Comfortable room in a [*illegible*] family, who treat me with every [*struck: Kindness*] Kindness [2] I was wounded in the leg but stopped the flow of blood in the field by a [*struck: Tornaquit*] [*inserted: Tournequet*] applied by myself & drawn by one of my men of the Co Ga & lost but little blood –

Col Harm –Ltt Chambers Hd –Killed – Jack Jones Kill – & a long list –

My Brigade suffered severely & behaved well –

Much love to all

Yr affec H^d

Paul J Semmes

Ellis escaped –

[*inserted upside-down on page 2: God mercifully spared my life – We all have Cause to be thankful to Him.*