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Fort Butler - N. C.  
June 14th 1838.

My dear Frances:

I have at last arrived at the place of our destination, at least for the present, and without any accident occurring to mar the pleasures of the march - Indeed I have found it more tolerable than I anticipated, and were it not that I am separated from you, I should have nothing to complain of - But that in all conscience is enough. My health is good; and though I have walked nearly all the way, I feel now much better able to continue the march, than I have felt during any part of the route. In fact I much prefer to be on the move, to this being struck down in a camp with little or nothing to do. I require my dear wife when absent from you, some kind of excitement, or active occupation, to prevent my thinking - otherwise I am very miserably and when I am with my sweet Frank, I do not wish anything in the world to do. I wish for nothing better in this <sup>world</sup> than to be in your presence.

We arrived at Fort Butler on the 7th but did not establish this camp till to day, which is on the north side of Dally river, just above its entrance into the Hiwassee, and about one mile from the fort. We are said to be

I find I shall get your letters sooner if directed to me at Calhoun Fen. than if directed to this place. you must write under my name "1st Artillery" &c. and I shall be sure to get them. we have an express from there most every day - and besides when the Indians are collected I probably shall go there with a detachment of them. My dear friends you have no idea how I do wish to hear from you - but you are such a good girl I know you will write as soon as you have a letter will reach me, and then as often as once a week. Next tomorrow I intend to read all your old letters over which will do me some good.

In the present state of affairs here I can apply with propriety for a leave of absence, but shall do so as soon as it can be done with any decency. But do not let us build our hopes too high upon it, or we may be again disappointed.

Dr. Trueman desires his love to be presented to Anna Cummings, and begs to be considered as engaged to her, (from her reputation) & will marry her the first opportunity provided she has no objection. I can recommend him. G. Casey will explain.

Let me know how you do? and if you grow fat! My dear wife how I should like to see you. May Heaven protect you, and grant that I may

I think even,  
G. Casey

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I can have what happiness  
by love to your father & mother &c.  
all agree to the best of their will.