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## Letter to Jennie Guiney, 1863 April 12

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Log House at Camp  
April 12. 1868

My Dear Jennie

I am in possession of four letters from you the last one dated April 8<sup>th</sup>. I entirely agree with you here that we are just learning to love and appreciate each other now. - We are passing from impassioned affection to that more enduring and intelligent appreciation of each other ~~and~~ which is what I understand by true love. The one is individual, worldly, animal - the other is better, more happy, pure, ~~the~~ heavenly! Well, my dear, it is no wonder. The fact is we had no time to understand each other before marriage. I have often thought that delay would have been better in our case. But it's done, Jennie, and what a fool I am to be, like Maud Muler, speculating upon what "might have been."

I regret very much that my N. E.



Friends have been fit to introduce your name  
in connection with my horrible cruelties. But  
there is a good deal of wisdom in your saying  
that the burden is light upon each and would  
be heavy upon one. As to that Mr. Carly being  
a brother to Mrs. Lappen, I say I could have  
treated my brother as I did him under the  
same circumstances.

As the N. Enders are aroused!  
Yes, I know they went to the Governor, but  
the Gov. referred the matter to Griffen, and  
the Gov. & Gen. Griffen and the N. Enders have  
all received my reply in this. Didst I  
put it on to Mr. E. Smith? If they really  
wish to find out who I am, they had better  
continue stirring me up.

I clip the enclosed from Palem  
Gazette.

The Regiment is in fine condition  
and all is quiet and as I wish it. The war  
for Mayor though is hard. I think all will  
be right. Kindest remembrance to folks  
at home.

W. M.