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## Letter, A. J. Boswell to Cynthia Jackson Boswell; 12/20/1861

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Camp Ilesha Near Moscow  
Dec 20<sup>th</sup> 1861

Dear Wife

I received yours of the 17<sup>th</sup> last night  
was glad as I always am to hear from you  
and more especially glad to hear of the  
improving health of yourself and the balance  
of the family. The health of the company is  
generally good with some few exceptions Sam  
as you will hear is well and back in camp how  
the news could have reached you of his dangerous  
condition is a mystery for he never was dangerous  
if he had been I would have written immediately.  
It is powerfull cold here to day we have had  
splendid weather here and warm up to this  
time we are snugly hoosed in our cabins and  
can stand it very well except when out on picket  
guard. I have no war news to write you the camp  
is full of rumors but nothing to be relied on and  
I will not write it for I have no doubt you hear  
abundance of news of that kind. The news from  
England is of great importance and encouragement  
to us I think it argues a speedy presence on a  
war on a larger scale with England to back us  
there will some good grow out of it to no  
doubt Frank is well and comfortable the negroes  
are sleeping in their tents yet for we have not had



time to build their cabins yet. Gov spoke of  
coming up here. but as well as I would like  
to see gov I would not consent to have you come  
although Soldiers wife frequently visit them and  
stay in the country for some time. I do not think  
it safe for we cannot tell what day he may be  
~~arrived~~ and the whole country around here one  
battlefield. and in case of that how would  
get away the railroad would be occupied carrying  
arms and the only chance would be to mount a horse  
and get away as gov could. I shall try and see gov  
this winter. Give my love to all

From Gov Husband

J. Boswell