Please send me some paper & envelopes – I can let you have in a few days as much money as you want – 58

Camp of 1st Brigade
August 7th. 1861

My dear wife.

I am tired sick of this dull, monotonous, lazy Camp life & the only pleasure that I now have is in writing to you & in receiving & reading your letter. If we were on active duty, making a forward movement or something in that way I should be better satisfied & more contented. How long we are going to lie about here in this lazy way & what we are going to do next is more than I can tell. As long as it is necessary for my services for the

things or not as you please. I would say however, if you cannot send them soon, not to send them at all, for there is no certainty as to how long we will remain here. If you have rec'd my Carpet Sack open it – you have not got the key, but I suppose any key will fit it almost. Jim Smith is here yet & is trying very hard off, but will not succeed I think. I must now close,

Remember me kindly to your Ma, Laura, Juliet, Sally & all.

Good by my dear wife, God bless & protect you is the constant prayer

Of your truly devoted husband

James K. Edmondson

defence of my country I am certainly willing to give them, but how long it after this war is over, if I live to see it ended, I think I shall bid all military matters a long & last farewell. The difference between Ritchie & myself has been somewhat adjusted & we now are on speaking term, but not as cordial as before. The paymaster has not gotten around to us yet, but will be I suppose tomorrow. I am disposed to give you the pleasure (for I know it will be a pleasure to you, the only question is, the practicability of it) of fixing up & sending to me a box of eatables &c. I would like to have some Onion, pickles, (pickles could be put in a can) - some tomato ketchup or sauce of some kind & any thing you please - I should like to have some smoking & chewing tobacco & a good pipe or two - a 1/4 or 1/2 a lb of tea, to be used in case of sickness &c &c. These things might be fixed up in a small wooden box & directed to me in the care of Capt. Ritchie 27th regiment Va Volunteers Manassas Junction - it might come straight & I might get it, provided you would let me know by letter the day before you send it, so that I might be at the Junction to receive it. But I expect this will put you to too much trouble you can therefore use your own discretion about it - Send the