Baton Rouge 22nd July 1863

Dear wife, I am more than ever putting pen in hand to inform you how I am and that the letters that I received to you before my appointment away at present I hope you and the children are well. I have not heard from you for some time and the last letter was away the 12th of this month. Soon I hope to hear from you soon. I know there is a number on the day I dated some time before I wrote this to see the results of post/South but it is not decided yet. There is some heavy bombardment this morning. There we have passed the fort but is bound once to me and you. I am sure it will be quiet by and by. One day passes and another comes.
but it is very dark we heard dont it in there pockets.
i am in hokes they will take
port but you soon and if the
so we shall start for home. think
by the 20 of this month but it
is lent belonging anyway for it is
passing away our rent every
small now. The corn are good
so i have not yet. That for you
in to fore my salt is here this
sent yet. I dont know where
of yourself with. tail but the
is better. Lent is here to lick
with the dictionary but that they
are comfortable that is the
most i think of not and one.

Some hot pot again the thigh
being sore along to far
a flesh wound and is toward
orleans. There is a number of
our bombes so it is more
pleasan for me all though i
am no better off for money.

They sent there is all home a less.
We shall remember for
They was said when they got
while i think so we will live
on the march and did not
contented nor fed days longer.
Dear wife, as your letters did not reach me any more after you get this you had better not write any more for one in hopes to be on the road or dates for home by the time you get this but the East forces of 20 took Port Helena I think 20 shall start soon and it is most be able to sail even pass. Soldiers like you and me and all will be right in the end with our lot our trust in him and live for Him that is laid up for you and me. Dear wife this is my hope to obtain it. From your affectionate and true husband Samson Valetta.