Don't show this to your confidant.

Camp near Kinston N.C.

My dear Sicci— June 9th, 1863

I received your rare letter yesterday. It is a perfect stranger to me. I wonder if my sweet little niece, did think enough of her uncle to write to him. I had made myself easy about Adele and you writing any more, but was aroused from my quiet by her long and interesting letter from her and you in quick succession. What a surprise!

Now let me, make a request of my niece, probably two of them.

Don't think I have got any thing

to say against your style of writing

for you can expect me bold, in that

(receive my praises) but the request is:- in the first place, to write

more frequently, and get over the disposition of being a poor correspondent. And in the second, don't let
me anything about the movements of our armies; for that is a mere recapitulation of what I see every day in the papers; but tell me something of what takes place around you every day, what you see or hear funny to laugh at, or do you ever laugh?—what you are studying, how you progress, how far you have gotten the books, what's the subject of your next lesson, or the last one. What pretty girls and smart ones have you in school who are your friends, companions, about your evening walks, your conversations?—What do you think of Rip Lt. R. B.—? Any of these things are far more interesting than to hear that ten thousand Yankee carcasses are nothing on the plains of Chickahominy. I have been witness, may, participant in these bloody scenes. It is very
part to tell you something of war, yours to tell me & bring back to
my mind those happy scenes of
peace, in which I formerly was
an actor.

I will not tell you how come we have
anything about; for doubtless
you read all my letters to Sisina.
Do you not? I told her every
thing that I could think of, and
were I to write to you the same
thing, it would be, time and into
wast, and paper thrown away.

I find, that the farther we come
point, the prettier in the face the
girls are, and the more I shall
become. The Virginia ladies
have a much more graceful
carriage, prettier figures, more
intelligent features &c. but the
N. Lea. girls excel them in pretty
features. I do not know how to
compare them with N. Lea. girls.
Direct Co. 8 at 1a. Colquitt thing Kinston N.Ca. for I have not been there in such a long time that I have forgotten how they look, but so I am particular the latter you may know that the company and won't not be unfavorable to them. The soldiers and ladies have picnics on nearly occasions but I never attend. When have you seen Miss Lovicia Rose etc? What has became of Miss ADA? Do you think Miss Parisa etc is smart and pretty? - what sort of a disposition has she? - Where is she in fact tell me every thing that you can think of the old home folk. There are none there but girl, is why I ask you about them. Am I impatient or ingratiating? If any of my books can be of any service whatever to it and you you may consider yourselves perfectly welcome. Will you to your Uncle Pet 1st