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## Letter: W.E. Johnson to Anne Johnson, March 29, 1864

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Camp near Greenville March 29<sup>th</sup> 1864

My dear Wife

As I have a very unpleasant subject to touch upon I will write you a very short letter.

We received orders this morning to march without delay to Virginia to report to Col. Strangler of the Gloucester Legion together with four other companies from the coast to make a regiment. This news will distress you much I have no doubt, but as it could not be helped you as well as myself will have to be reconciled to it, and hope it may be for the best.

We do not know what is to be done with the Regt neither is it to be kept near Richmond or sent to the front

in other case we will be  
likely to see hard times

The Capt said this morn  
=ing that he might go as low  
down as Monstovay or on the river  
in order to get food for the horses  
but it seems to me that would be  
too low down we may go by Chitina  
if I can find when we will be likely  
to pass nearest home <sup>I will</sup> have you  
to meet me if only in a few hours  
if you desire to do so. I expect we  
will take up the line of march in  
three or four days probably Saturday or  
Sunday next.

I am much worried that  
I have no better horse than Morgan  
he will in all probability fail very  
soon.

I will write you tomorrow and  
you you can smile if I can possibly  
find it which it will be



May God bless you & my dear children  
Your devoted Master W C Sommerville