

Monday Night 9th of Feb
February 23 1863

Since writing the enclosed, and
just before I placed it in the office,
orders have been received to embark and
proceed to Key West again. Why or for
what reason I cannot tell, at all events
go back we must. We leave tomorrow
on the Cosmopolitan. My men are all
well, but do not like the idea of going to
Key West. I myself am disheartened and
discouraged, and feel more like resigning
than ever I did. If it were not for the
welfare of my men, I certainly would
come home, but I cannot leave them
As heretofore direct your letters to Key
West, Fla,

Yours

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