

"Court Room", Key West Barracks

Key West, Fl,

April 10, 1862

Dear Cousin,

The Capt. is now busy in finishing up some important business pertaining to his new office, that of Judge Advocate - indeed so busy is he that the duty of sending news of the absent one devolves on me. The Captain wishes to tell Edward that he has no recollection of the case of Benjamin Brosious - if he ever did anything he has forgotten all about it. Edward had better look at the Docket and see if he can discover anything. By that means he can find out.

News here is very dull, and it seems to us that not having our Daily papers, and hearing of "stirring events" and whether all is "quiet along the Potomac", that we are very far behind the age, and entirely out of the Union.

You must not think that because I am writing for the Captain that he is at all indisposed. Nothing of the kind, for if you could see his huge cheeks of fat, and the nice "knife and fork game" he plays whilst at meals, you would be satisfied that "Dixie" has not interfered with his health. The Steamer leaves here at five o'clock so I must close. With respect to Mr. Gobin, Abbie, Edward and friends generally and, for yourself, believe me to be your -

Sincere Friend,

Henry D. Wharton

Mrs. Susan Gobin,  
Sunbury, Pa.

The Captain sends his love to you all - with a small share for the young ladies.