

Valentine's Hill Oct 23 1876

D<sup>r</sup> Sir 

Such truth been our uncertain  
State & that of the Army as to deny me  
an opp<sup>y</sup> of writing - I have been  
scarcely two days, at one place - For  
the state of our Affairs here I must be-  
leave to refer you to W. Gill - I wish to  
hear of the well fare of you family -  
let me know how Jack gets up in the  
morning, how Hannus stockings go on -  
how nanus crop is - & whether of little one  
grow younger - my best regards to  
all friends And do me the justice to  
believe that I am for you true  
friends & most Old Friends  
May Trench

Col. Craft

  
SHR

Ed. Croft —  
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