

Headquarters Army of the United States,

Washington, D. C., Feb. 2^d 1869.

My dear Anne,

I returned
from the post in good
order on Saturday
last, and found your
valuable package.

It contains just what
I wanted, and I
am greatly obliged.

I have had a long
talk with the General
in regard to Mississippi.
He seems highly gratified
with the course you have

pursued in the state,
and spoke of you in
terms, which, if you
could have heard them,
you would consider
highly complimentary.

But and I have
a truly recollection of
the social status of
the "Governor's Mansion".
He joins me in regards
to you.

Yours very truly
Samuel Bates.