

March 31st 1863

My Beloved Brother

I hope the arrival of your
Barrister in Kentucky would
your condition more comfortable
though there appears still too
many active rebels in your
midst to stay anxiety. I can
not tell you how much my night
and day thoughts are occupied
around you - your public
efforts and private anxieties
seem so numerous. I am deep
ly mortified at Howard's
unavoidable conduct
he must know how painful
it is to you, and after all
he owes to your care of him
and his family should restrain
expressions on which he dare
not act without involving you

self in danger & dis grace. Is
Is Shelby still living and in
the Army? it is long since we
have heard any thing about
him, Lizzie mentions that
Ann had applied for per-
mission to have his wife reside
with you. and permission
would only be granted, on
your being made responsible
for her conduct. This has
given me much trouble my
dear Brother, women have
been the agents of so much
mischief in this war, and
you have elements of so much
evil in Howards rebel
activity that I should be through
his wife, and this young

well
and shall be able to go out
as soon as the weather will
permit. I am afraid I am
repents of her promise
to write often, and tell me
all about your surroundings
Give my love to her & Miss
and my sister Ann. I like
Dear Leonard I think of
I pray for him. Morrie
joins me in love to all.
The family here all well.
Services commence with
the next Sabbath. May
God bless & protect you
My Dear Dear Ben
prays you affectionate

Sister
P. G.
at 3 am
Nov 31, 1863