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about him now for we have not had
a word from him I am sorry to hear that
your Wife is so poorly in health if she
is not able to work yet what would
you say to her coming here to spend
a few months I think the change would
do her good she would be fine company
for Agnes and ^{we} would all like to have
her here as I can not pay you any
money at present I would board her as
reasonable as possible and do every thing
in my power to keep her comfortable
for we all have a liking for her she
can come from Providence to this in less
than a day you might write to her and
hear what she says about it Agnes
I have called here a few weeks ago on
her way to Cincinnati I have no more to
say at present write soon all the family
joins me in love to you give our
respects to Cousin Daniel Dove
I remain yours Arch^d Chapman

Nov^r 30

1863

Mr Allan F Cameron

Dear Stephen

your letter of Sept^r 15 was duly received and I certainly intended to write
to you at my earliest convenience and
all the excuse that I have for not doing
so is that your letter got mislaid and
I could not remember your address your
last I received about two weeks ago I am
truly sorry to hear that your health is
so poor it is very discouraging to be so often
sick and so far away from all who are
interested in your welfare in time of
war a Soldiers life must be a hard
one after exposed to all kinds of weather
and often denied the common necessaries
of life you say that you feel (reluc-
-tant) to ask the money which I owe
you I do not wish you to entertain
such a feeling the money is just

due you and should have been paid weeks that we did not expect her to live long ago. and I fell both sorry and but she is better now and able to go round ashamed to say that I can not do it at Archy he enlisted in the Navy I think present I know that you need it and about the Month of May and the last if I had been able to pay it you never we heard of him he was lying at Newport would have needed to ask it I never New, N E in U S Steamer Portsmouth worked harder than I do now and I fear he never writes a word to us if we did not considerable but every thing is so high hear it from another source we would that I am not able to save any thing not know any thing at all about him in the fall our work is always pretty busy. in Spring and summer the prices for when he left this about ~~the~~ a year ago I had a little money saved which I intended work is so low that it is hard to make to pay some of my debts with but when a living I am not much benefited now by he left he was so hard up that I was obliged my family Alex still boards with us to lend him what I had and I have not but his board wages dont pay any more been able to save any thing since he promised to pay me soon but he has not done so. then to help me along with my business but his board wages dont pay any more James left home over three months ago and took all the money that he could get. we never knew that he was going away till he was gone we know that he went to Providence but we dont know any thing

Agness got married again they are living with us and means to do for some time yet. I am glad to tell you that she has got a good Husband. she has just recovered from a severe fit of sickness she was for two