Dear Wife,

I have enlisted in the army. I am now in the state of Massachusetts but before this letter reaches you, I will be in North Carolina. And though great is the present national difficulties, yet I look forward to a brighter day when I shall have the opportunity of seeing you in the full enjoyment of freedom.

I would like to know if you are still in slavery. If you are, it will not be long before we shall have crushed the system that now oppresses you. For in the course of three months you shall have your liberty. Great is the outpouring of the colored people that is now rallying with the hearts of lions against that very curse that has separated you and me. Yet we shall meet again and oh, what a happy time that will be when this ungodly rebellion shall be put down and the curses of our land is trampled under our feet. I am a soldier now and I shall use my utmost endeavor to strike at the rebellion and the heart of this system that so long has kept us in chains.

Write to me just as soon as you get this letter. Tell me if you are still living in the cabin where you used to live. Tell Eliza I send her my best respects and love Ike and Sully likewise. I would send you some money but I know it is impossible for you to get it. I would like to see little Jenkins now but I know it is impossible at present. So no more, but I remain your own affectionate husband until death.

Samuel Cabble