

drove the horses down street as fast as they  
could go there is a large fire in  
Alexandria now, some will have to go with  
out their horse,

When at the Island I had to or did  
borrow \$450 of Lyman Fuller to by  
an injaruber I owe. he wants his pay  
now, & I have not much money now, if  
convenient to you, I would be pleased  
if you could send me \$5 or \$6, or then  
I would have enough to pay him & some for  
me till I get paid, probably I will be paid  
about the 10<sup>th</sup> of next month. then  
I hope to send you \$25 or \$30, or

I don't care if you send me a box of stuff  
such as butter & dried fruit, cheese if  
convenient, send by express it will cost \$5  
a pound put it in to a solid box, & pay  
there & it will get here, you need not send  
but a few pounds of butter, if you think  
that you can save a half pith in of butter  
for me & send it handy, I can sell it for \$3  
or \$3.5 a pith, so that I could pay you  
20 a pound for it & pay transportation  
& have enough for my self left over,  
I will tell you when to send the stuff if  
you think best to send it, send the money to give  
as convenient for Lyman & in a hurry.

eat sheep / I give my love to all your wife  
and take a dinner of what my mother must  
or buy of engage about me, tell me how you  
get along, will you have fiddle enough  
to winter the stock, if you can sell me  
good ones, I think it would be well, can you  
tell better. Camp Taylor Oct, 21<sup>st</sup> 62  
Dear Parents,

I am well this morning &  
the boys <sup>are</sup> enjoy good health generally,  
Sunday I was out on picket. I enjoyed it  
much it was a very pleasant day it rained  
a little in the night but not much, we  
come in yesterday, it is a very pleasant  
day to day the rains hold off well this  
fall, if it's favorable for the army,  
the 4<sup>th</sup> reg. was on picket yesterday  
last night - 4 Co's were sent out to stren-  
gthen it, out of the 2<sup>d</sup> reg. the reason  
because Mr. Clellan is fighting the in-  
emy some where I do not know where,  
the rebels might make a dash on us  
so they wanted to be ready for them,  
but they were not troubled, we have a  
battalion drill now, I will finish to  
night, noon I have just got through  
eating dinner had sweet potatoes, salt-  
horse, bread chest butter for dinner

Norman Duvoy & myself buy stuff between  
us so that it does not cost much little to  
get enough to last us quite a while.  
yesterday morning I got some potatoes  
& brought them into camp. had to pay  
15<sup>cts</sup> for a haversack full hold most  
peas had some onions for dinner too.  
I like any thing beans, onions &c. I think  
that I feel enough better since I commen-  
ced eating vegetables to pay the cost.  
They act favorable for the bowels, I do not  
know as I ever felt better than now.  
if I always am as well I will do.  
Capt. Bliss said last night that  
they had been out to find a good  
place for us to move to the officers  
thought of having us move but he  
thought that we would stay here this  
winter and not move into the woods  
or nearer them, we cannot tell till next  
Spring where our winter quarters are,  
I would like to be near some woods where  
we could get wood handy, the Brigade  
is not any where near till yet it will

take a good while to have it as  
large as it use to be before the new  
recruits come. the boys say that the 3<sup>d</sup> reg,  
was as large as ever as the whole  
brigade was then (some 4 months ago)  
the 3<sup>d</sup> reg, needs a good many boys to fill  
her up as large as she once was, Major  
Stevens has got his papers, & he is  
a Col, now the boys like him first  
rate they say that he is a brave &  
good officer, he got his papers yeste-  
day. he told the boys last night that  
he would not ask his men to go where  
he would not go himself, nor ask of  
them what he would not do himself  
the boys all say that he is in  
pride of his men, the only fault they  
see in him is that he exposes him-  
self too much, he will jump upon  
stumps & swing his sword for the  
boys to follow & fight, there are some  
recruits coming into camp, the boys  
make some noise over a negro wagon  
there were alot of 4<sup>th</sup> reg, boys going in