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Staffards cart house

Dear brother,
and Sister I received your
letter last nite and was
glad to hear from you
and to hear that you
was well your letter
found me well

and we have moved back
towards Washington about
ten miles they say
that we have got to go
down to Tennessee but
I dont know how that is
and dont care a damn
you sed the folks ^{that}
that the war would ^{ght}
close up by spring I
dont se how it will
close so soon

I dont see as the
war is any near a close
then it was when we
come down here
well I have just been to
grab me a good
meal this morning we
had sum potatoes and
we stold a quarter of
beef last nite but
for a general thing we
have rather hard fair
it is very bad wether
now it snows one day and
the next day it will
rain that makes rather
hard times for us
and you rot me a very
short letter you must
do better then that

isral what do you
think of I doing this
summer I have got the
starte of you I know
what my business will
be for 2 years if I
should happen to live
isral what is gorges folks
doing this winter did
charley get this my
letter I wrote him he
did not write to me since
I told Rachel that she might
write a few lines and let
me know how she gets
a long let her write
and send it with your
letter
and I cant write much
more write soon
from Harvey