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Respectrul Friend Elinor

I recieved your letter to day and it was a welcome visetor as I was alone in my little house I recieved a letter from Grove he was Well When he wrote me. well Elenor you wrote about my geting sleepey. I did get asleep and my horse stoped and when I awake we was beside the road. but never mind I shall make it up when I come home I did intend to come up to your house before I went back to the army but never mind I will come The ofener When I come back I would like to be thare This spring to eat warm sugar and go to partey's you wrote that I had a new Brother yes so I understand Well so gos the world or rather the peopel I guess they all will get married before my time is out if they do what will the Soldiers do O dear what Shall I do Well I shant go and kill myself for there is a pretty good chanse for the rebs to do it for me So I will rest content for the present

Well Elenor I am sorry that I could not have had a talk with you before I came back I did intend to come to your house but I had so maney places to go to but when I get back then I shall have more time to go and see the Folks Well Elenor I cant think of much to write this time but I will try and do beter the next time So good By for this time

write _____ this is from

your true Friend

E Groat to Elenor Hopkins

Direct as before

excuse all bad spelling and writing

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