

I recieved those papers

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In Camp near Freadricksburgh

Dear wife

I recieved your kind letter this morning and was glad to hear that you was so cumfortably situated and to hear you so chearful it helps me along a great deal I surpose that you will hardley know the old soldier when he gets back you will be so grand in your new house and other fixings I am glad to hear that Franky is getting along so well in his studdies tel him that pa will be home to hear him read some time tel Ally and Freddy that pa has not forgot them how I would like to see them and you to we lay on one side of river and the rebbles on the other we got here the night that the battle stoped it was a hard battle we do not know soon we shal have to go in on them the sooner the better we want to see this thing closed some way my health is better than it has ben in some time I am getting fat again as usual

23 I will commence again to write we are pretty buisy here in the day time and we cannot write in the evening for we have no light We have not got aney pay yet as you can find out by asking Capt Warners folks if we do not get aney til january we shal draw 4 months pay that wil be forty dollars for you then you can go whare you pleas If this war should end now I do not think I could draw my bounty for some time if I get kiled you had better take 30 dollars of this money that you get now and pay mark get mr Whelur or some one eltse to attend to it for you for I feal a uneasey about the way that Mark acts about it or if he is honest if he should die the hole thing would be lost I have not recieved aney letters from aney one I do not write this to make you feal alarmed atall but we do not know what may happen I have just ben up to the hospital to se Frank Keyes he is a very sick man he has got the tyfoid feaver this is a hard place for a sick man

Johnson is here he is quite a peace from here I have not sene him since we have bin here Now if you cannot read my writing with a pencil I want you to write and tel so and I wil try and get some ink it is hard times with us here as far as money is conserved now if I could give you a smack on the cheak I should be all right so good by write soon A H