

Camp J. M. Brown
Jamestown N. York
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Old Gent

this is A verry pleasant morning here & it finds me seated in my bunk in the act of writing A few lines home I am well at present & hope you all are the same.

Uncle Sam uses me first rate He called me out day before yesterday & paid me \$25 & again yesterday & paid me \$63. that is Better than I ever fared any where else I think I shall stay with him awhile. To day I have sent \$30 by Frank Witherele up to Rosan for her to carry out home She left here yesterday for home She expects to Start North next Monday

Seymour sends some along too. He wants you to carry it to his Brother Wilber Sikes. He wants me to say to you that Wilber will pay you for your trouble.

I want you to pay Luther Hanks \$3.50 and Lucy \$5.00 & the rest I want you to keep until further orders I like to forget what I owed Ell you may pay that. I dont believe I will have you let it out. We have signed or at least Some of us A paper to send home 10 dollars every month of our pay. I signed it to send home 10 & some more & some less. We that signed that paper will when pay day comes recieve instead cash A check payable to any one whom we choose A mind to have it paid I signed mine payable to you & I when I recieve A check I will send it to you & you can go to any bank & draw the money on it. And in case the check is lost before you get it I can draw another from government. The check is payable to you & to no other person. You can draw the money on Warsaw Bank as that will probably be the most convenient for you

I dont know as I have anything more in particular to write this time only we are all well & expect to leave for Dixie & then the rebels will catch H__ I under the _____. I guess the general opinion is that the war will be closed up this Fall & winter I will close by sending my best respects to all & Tell Hellen if she is prudent that soft spot will not injure her much

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Camp Near Falmouth Virginia
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Old Gent

I have A little leisure time & I will improve it by writing to you. I am well & enjoy myself first rate. we have got Our quarters fixed so they are comfortable we shall probably stay here some time. we have had A fall of snow to the amount of about 4 inches which in this country will make A good deal of mud I dont think we can moove within A month anyway if we have fair weather. it is getting time of the year down here that they have stormy weather for about two months.

we were paid yesterday I recieved \$21.20 including my Allotment paper which I inclose & send you.

I want you to tack it and draw the money as soon as is convenient. you can draw it at any bank. You probably can draw it full as handy at Warsaw. You may send me \$10.00 in green backs for they are the only bills which pass here.

I dont think of much more to write this time.

we have got A nice chimney & have A pretty good time doing Our own cooking we draw our rations by Squads & cook them ourselves. we draw Pork Beef Potatoes Rice Dried apple Beans & hard tacks some times we get A little Short of tacks but we can buy them at the Brigade Comisaries Dept if we have A few Shillings in money it comes verry handy we can buy good coarse Boots for \$10.00 A pair. We have to pay Double the Amt here for any such Stuff that we would at home.

You may get my Buggy fixed if you havent already write As soon as you get this & send me the \$10.00. ___ Our Doctor is going home & I shall send this by him He lives at Franklinville so He will probably drop them at Olean post office so you needent think strange when you see the letter mailed at Olean

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