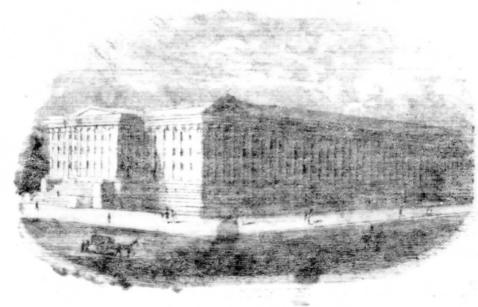


young Williams that lives at
Cadir he said he would leave
it at the Post Office if you have
not got it you can send down
and get it when you write again
let me know whether you got it
or not you though I could not
read your letter but I could read
it and I have read it twenty
times since I am far away from
home but you and little Romain is
in my mind all of the time
but I hope the time is not far
distant when I can clasp you both
in my arms once more give my
love to your Mother and Father and
tell them that I think of them ask
Maria if she has is mad at me yet
I hope she is not ask ann if she
has forgotten Marion tell her I would
like to see her No more this time
But remaining your affectionate
Sarah Romain Marion ~~and~~
Sarah Sarah keep this until
I get home Marion



1862

Fairfax Court House Virginia Oct 20

My Dear Wife Sarah I
now take my pen in hand to let
you know how I am getting along
I am well and hope you are enjoying
the same Blessings at home

I received your
kind and affectionate letter on
Saturday and was glad to hear from
home and to find you and little
Romain comfortable and in good
health There is a man in our
Company by the name of J. G. Myres
from the town of Rockford Calvertings
County

that had been unwell for three or four days and he was up about 12 o'clock last night and he said he felt better than he had and he laid down and about three o'clock Horace Smith naked up and heard him breathing hard Horace tried to wake him up but could not do it and they sent for the doctor and he says he is in a fit he thinks he will not live through the day I have just been over to see him he has a brother here they both slept in the same tent with Horace this man was a stout and healthy ~~fellow~~ fellow.

Tell Mr Smith to give himself no unnecessary trouble about Horace he is one of the toughest Boys in the regiment do not feel bad about your Marion for I think I shall come out all right give my best respects to Mr Smiths Folks and tell them I would like to see them very much

I wrote to you last Thursday to send me some Postage Stamps but forgot to send you any envelops but will send some to day it takes about six days for a letter to come from York State so when you get this you write often for nothing makes a soldier feel better than to hear from the loved ones at home

There is a chance for any of the soldiers that wants to enlist in the navy and to go aboard of a Vessel for the term of three years What do you think of Sarah of my enlisting I will do just as you say about it I will wait until I hear from you

it is very cold here to day you must excuse me for not writing better but my fingers are so cold that I can hardly hold a pen & I wrote in the last letter that I sent that Satchel home by