London Key March 6th 1841

Again I am happy to find an opportunity to scribble a few lines.

We left Rock Castle Brian yesterday morning at 6 o'clock and arrived here at 9 P.M., when we found plenty of food to lay in as usual but no made the march through the wind of 140 miles much worse than we expected. The day before (24) we were occupied nearly the whole day in getting the men and Train across the River and to the top of the hill just this side. Nearly everything and the Train had to be unloaded and carried up the hill by the men and done. Help the mule hawl twenty wagons.

On the march of 15 miles from
the River here. I saw one from a small log house with but a little clearing round it. The natives here making much sugar now but it looks more like turp than like sugar. London Ky is a small village. A Town not as large as Brookfield but its general appearance would lead one to think that it was quite a thriving Town before the war broke out. There is no Church but is quite a large brick School House which plainly shows the marks of the soldiers and their bullets. The are two Hotells and 4 or 5 Stores which are only kept open by the patronage of soldiers stationed here and those passing through. There has been a great deal of bushwhacking in this section of the Country and Earthworks
are to be run on nearly every hill flask in sight of the town. The men are cleaning and fixing up today preparing to start tomorrow morning for Tyler-Lick a place 52 miles from here and about half way from here to Cumberland Gap. We probably shall not stop long at any place until we get to the Gap. So I cannot tell when I shall get another opportunity of communicating with you. There is a P.O. here and I shall send this tomorrow morning.

We have received no mail since we left Point-Breeze and it is uncertain when we shall have more as soon as you get this and direct as before via Lexington.
Since being on the March, I have found out a fellow in my Co by the name of Hackett, a Sergeant from Portsmouth, N.H., who has served under Capt. Josh Hickey for seven years, and is well acquainted with Sarah Abb and John Hickey as well as G. Muddleham and Ann Sarah, says he understood before he left that the latter had retired from business last summer in N. O., but does not speak very highly of him. He is well acquainted with Albert Brown, being 2 of the Mary Liver of the vessel when A. went to N. A. Says he was the hardest part of his inches short. Hackett speaks very highly of Capt. Hickey and says Old Mr. H. had been as good a master to him as I expect to be. My health never was better and I hope this will find you all in the same. Adieu your affectionate

C.W. Hackett

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