Dear Brother & Mother:

I sent you a letter last Saturday which I suppose you have received of late. I went out yesterday to get the things together for the bundle in the bottle as most of them will not make the bundle as small as you suppose. George Bowers will make a bundle for the things in the bottle and call at your house for the bundle.

If they pay George Father can pay George. Most of these bundles I want you to put in the cellar before this winter.

About my overcoat you can do what you please with it. You can take off the cape which will make a good vest. And then the overcoat will be very handy for Father to wear doing barn work, or it will make a good proof jacket. I set a nice suit coat for $3 when I went to Indianola, The Indeanna
Camp near Knoxville  
Knox Co Tenn. Nov 5th/63

Dear Father & Mother:

I sent you a letter last Saturday which I suppose you have received before this. The reason I wanted the ginger put in a bottle was that it might get wet make the bundle as small as you can I suppose George Farrar will make a thin box to put the things in, they will call at our house for the bundle

If they pay express Father can pay George

Those suspenders I want you to put in I shall need them this winter

About my overcoat you can do what you please with it. You can take off the cape which will make a good vest pattern and then the overcoat will be very handy for Father to wear doing barn work or it will make a good pr. of pants. I bot a nice new coat for $3 when I was at Loudon. The Indianna
...now. Government costs one $&.80. Will Mr. Davis come to the war. or does he get a substitute. Do you know whether Andrew J. Davis has enlisted or not.

Mary wrote some time ago that you had two cows. I want to ask if that little shyer brother had made a good cow. Do you hear from Newport lately. Where is Pete home now. About the bills or receipt from Concord. How many has father reci-

...ed and what do they all amount to
You wrote me that father got the amount of the first two months which made it equal to the 1st of last Nov. about $15 I think. Then the next stst-

...ment from Concord should have been $36 for the months of Dec, Jan. 4 Feb. We were paid for Mar. & Apr. an-

...en was down there was 75th. The last...
boys (6 months men) sold their coats and I reckon they will want them now. Government coats cost $9.50

Will Hiram Davis come to the war or does he get a substitute.

Do you know whether Andrew J. Davis has enlisted or not.

Mary wrote some time ago that you had two cows I want to ask if that little heifer Father had makes a good cow. Do you hear from Newport lately. Where is Peter Rumrill now? About the bills or receipts from Concord How many has Father received and what do they all amount to? You wrote me that Father got the amount of the first two months which made it square to the 1st of last Nov. about $151 I think. Then the next allotment from Concord should have been $36 for the months of Jan. & Feb. We were paid for Mar. & Apr. on our way down the Mississippi. The allotment
May 8, 1816, we were paid for 31 months service at Concord. You must have been paid also. We have just been notified for two months more and some more paymaster is on the way to pay us.

We are paid bury two months and $88 should come to Concord any time we are paid. Father I want you to write me a few lines yourself and tell me if it is all right.

Oct. 7th

I have just received Anna's letter of Oct. 28th. I wrote home to my letter of Oct 15 for a pair of gloves and shoes but if mother had rather have army clothes and shoes I also wrote for a pair of drawers in a letter before this.
from Concord should have been $18

May & June we were paid for at Covington $18 more, July & Aug We were paid at Nicholsville $18 We have just been mustered for two months more and some sais paymaster is on the way to pay us

We are paid evry two months and $18 should come to Concord evry time we are paid. Father I want you to write me a few lines yourself and tell me if its is all right

Nov 7th

I have just received Anna’s Letter of Oct 26th. I wrote home in my letter of 6 at 17 for a pr of gloves, knit gloves but if Mother had rather knit army mittens send those. I also wrote for a pr of drawers in a letter before that My boots turn water well I think my being careful they will last me lust as well as a pr Father could make, for likely I shall have to throw them away next spring
We are enjoying ourselves well now.

We expected to have been on the march to Paducah before this. We would like to winter here as it is a splendid place.

We had nice pumpkins here at London. We had milk and eggs and everything to make them good. I would like to have Father send me the statistics of some other importance in a while. Anna can just as well leave off the Burmese command as well the shorter and the letter will come just as well. I got a letter from Mrs. Davis the other folks are all well Augusta is been sick with the diphteria since but as soon better. It seems by his letter Moses did not get along. Some good of it good enough for him. Mother has made a good lot of创客 I should think. If Mother wants any money to get her some clothes with I will send her a few dollars to buy you. I expect to be home and have my letters soon.
We are enjoying ourselves well now. We expected to have been on the march to London before this. We would like to winter here as it is a splendid place.

We had nice pumpkin pies at London. We had milk eggs and everything to make them good. I would like to have Father send me the statesman or some other paper once in a while, Anna you can just as well leave off the Burnside’s command it will make it shorter and the letter will come just as well. I ot a letter from WH Divis he and his folks are all well. Augusta has been sick with the diphtheria fever but is now better. It seems by his letter Moses did not get a cent. I am glad of it good enough for him. Mother has made a good lot of butter I should think. If Mother wants any money to get her some clothes with I will send her a few dollars. I suppose Father got $5 by Fitz. Cogswell. Mother I want you to keep my letters safe.
Mrs. J. was out of town and couldn’t come to see us, but her letter said she would be back in a few days. I mailed a letter to NY city for James last week which I have not yet received. I was made aware of the situation and I am very glad to hear that he has been accepted for a job in Boston as he and the children would all feel lonely if not together.

I had an idea W.S. was about such a place as James describes it from what I saw of the harbor 18 months ago. Yesterday morning we had the pleasure of visiting Brownlow and his courageous daughter Brownlow, his wife and daughter in company with Horace and Maynard.

Several ladies were on their way to Danville and stopped here at the hotel last night. The person had his printing materials for setting his Rebel new title in operation, with hancock he looks very care worn but he is the same old person that I saw in Lowell. His daughter looks smiling and I would hardly suppose she had done off with all.
I mailed a letter to NY City for James last week which doubtless it will be sent him I am glad he has got a job in Boston as he and the children would all feel lonely if not together.

I had an idea NY. was about such a place as James describes it from what I saw as we sailed up the harbor 13 months ago. Yesterday morning we had the pleasure of seeing Parson Brownlow and his courageous daughter Brownlow his wife and daughter in company with Horace Maynard and several ladies were on their way to Knoxville and stopped here at the Hotel last night. The Parson had his printing materials for setting up his Rebel ventilator in operation, with him he looks very care worn but he is the same old Parson that I saw in Lowell His daughter looks smilling and fair one would hardly suppose she had drove off NE style
with her revolvers 6 armed rebels

The Parson said he was a little afraid the guerrillas would overhaul him. A battalion of Wolford’s cavalry came along as a guard for him and the ammunition train which followed him. The Major of the cavalry said on riding up to him “Parson I give you a guard of 13 cavalrymen is that enough? can give you 50 just as well. The old hero replied quite indifferently I guess 13 will do. L nite a crowd of the 11th collected to see the distinguished personages. Parson on getting into the carriage said “My friends my parting advice to you is never take a guerrilla prisoner; and take all the rest out into the woods and loose them, and report them ___ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ ( The last part I did not hear) Guerrillas are making depredations all about in Ky. and Tenn.

Probably you have read of the horrible
This just would be quite a bait for
Guerrillas and since the frequent attack
of guerrillas about, our pickets have
been strengthened and renewed diligence
required. I learn today that Col. Griffin
has ordered all the troops west of us to
Tenn. viz. 6th, 9th, 11th, 39th, 59th U.S. and several
other regiments. If this is so we must
also move or soon I think it must
better you get proven one well be written
in Tenn. If we go down there I shall
take it all for the best. Perfect Obama
Short 10 miles down in Tenn. Please write
one of his folks here from him if
he has gone down there he will see a little
of soldiers life in a campaign.
But I must tell you that I am well
and tough as a knot growing fed on
pumpkin pies and Johnny cakes. We have
in our Co. a Dutchman even such as the people
all about here do all their baking in
affair at Mt Sterling.

This post would be quite a bait for Guerrillas and since the frequent attacks of guerrillas about, our pickets have been strengthened and renewed vigilence required. I learn to-day that Col. Griffin has ordered all the troops north of us to Tenn. viz 6th & 9th NH. 51st NY and several other Regiments if this is so we must also move on soon I think the next letter you get from me will be written in Tenn. If we go down there I shall take it all for the best. I expect Thomas Short is now in Tenn. Please write me if his folks hear from him if he has gone down there he will see a little of soldiers life in a campaign.

But I must tell you that I am well and tough as a knot growing fat on pumpkin pies and Johney cakes. We have in our Co. a Dutch oven such as the people all about here do all their baking in
I was just thinking about the pumpkin pie recipe I found online to make this year. It seems to be quite popular, and I want to try something new. I have some canned pumpkin, and I think it would be a good idea to make a pie with it. I have some spices, like cinnamon and nutmeg, which I think would go well with the pumpkin. I also have some sugar, and I think I will add some to the pie. I also have some milk, and I think I will use it to make the crust. I think I will make the crust in advance and keep it in the refrigerator until I am ready to bake it. I will use a pie dish and fill it with the pumpkin mixture. I think I will bake it at 225°F for about 45 minutes. It looks like I will have a delicious pie to enjoy for Thanksgiving.
It is made like a big skilit only thicker and wider having a close fitting heavy iron cover in this pan can be baked biscuits bread pies meat &c &c It is set on the coals and hot embers placed on the cover It came into my mind that I could make some indian cake just such as Mother makes at home so off I goes for some meal having got meal and a little flour and bought some cane molasses which is raised here in this country in abundance With soda and sour milk I mixed up and baked in the oven about the nicest corn cake ever made. At least I thought so. On seeing some pumpkins in the field I thought I must undertake to make some pies and have been quite successful I guess I shan’t have to ask mother when I get home to make me pumpkin pies for evry batch I make they approxemate more and more to the old

I send you home a castor oil bean they grow about here

Please don’t let any one out of our family take this letter to read Anna of course will read it (if she can) If it is hard for Anna to read my letters she must write me so I can write plainer but I hurry it so mostly it is not so plain

This letter tells about money affairs &c for that reason I had rather it would not go all over town Will answer James’ Lawyer’s letter soon

Good Buy W.J. Templeton

Alden Farrar is a good cook and he helped me a good deal together we have got up some good pies We have a Co. fund and by selling our surplus coffee and meat we are enabled to have an abundance of potatoes vegetables of all kinds Apples we can get a plenty in the orchards but they are poor ones not hardly fit to eat but make good sauce I can’t help contrasting our possition now to that we were in last fall then an apple or potato could not be got for love or money I want you and James to write often Tell Mrs. Colby we will put down the rebellion soon. we shall soon be tramping out a few hundred miles more of it

Truly you Brother
W.J.T.