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The wind blew terribly & it squaled all
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bread & fresh meat coffee & sugar. Our
coffee we treat a good deal of the evening
we putt fires are started in every
direction & we are buddled around
making coffee boiling pork & beef
toasting hard bread &c &c. 9 1/2 o'clock
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men are now here east of the
Ridge but I must fall in to the
ranks I will write when we halt
9th of Nov. Sunday. We marched
yesterday about 20 miles and got to
this place about 4 o'clock (Jefferson Via)
Culpeper Co.) Sunday is observed
enough to let us lay still to-day
This rather a dilapidated village the houses
look old and shabby most of them
deserted by the inmates. The women at
the doors look sour & cross. for we see no
young men once in a while an old
man is seen. The houses in this part of
Via are few & far between. The country is
pretty desolate nothing in the shape of
settlements to be found except Corn & Hay
Sherart's Cavalry occupied this town
Sunday. He bought a great field of
corn which he paid \$1000 for. I wish
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movement we expect to join Seigal in a day or two. Probably 200,000 men are now here at east Blue Ridge, but I must fall into the ranks I will write when we halt.

9th of Nov, Sunday. We marched yesterday about 9 miles and got to this place to-day about 4 o'clock (Jefferson Vir. Culpepper Co.) Sunday is observed enough to let us lay still today. It is a rather dilapidated village the houses look old and shabby, most of them deserted by the inmates The women at the doors look sour & cross, for we see no young men and once in a while an old man is seen. The houses in this part of Vir. are few & far between. The country is pretty desolate nothing in the shape of eatables to be found except Corn & Hay. Stuart's Cavellery occupied this town Friday He bought a great field of corn for which he paid \$900 C Scrip Gen. Pleasanton fed his horses on it

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and he had to be daddie We are following
hard on to the rebels they keep about 24
hours ahead of us We are in the rear
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our forces are severely pressed

but the mail is going right off
Please write soon I should like very much
to have you send me a havelock one that
will keep of the rain well you can roll it
in a paper and send it by mail I will
be much obliged for a paper once
in a while I have seen no paper for a
long time

Please send a Wadby Jawst
The Wadby is what we want

I suppose you are into the midst of
the busy season How is trade out
to this fall? Don't the people think affairs
are progressing finely with the
army. It seems to me this army must
march over any obstacle right into Beck-
mound. Have they months gone from letters
yet? Should like to have you write me
much for all the news we get is by letters
I hope these lines will find you and
the children all well. I don't feel homesick
except when I think of the lots of apples in
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and he had to skedaddle. We are following hard on the rebels they keep about 24 hours ahead. We are in the rear so we shall see no fighting unless our forces are severely pressed.

but the mail is going right off please write soon I should like very much to have you send me a havelock one that will keep of the rain well you can roll it in a paper and send it by mail I will be much obliged for a paper once in a while I have seen no paper for a long time.

Please send a Weekly Journal The Weekly's is what we want I suppose you are in the midst of the busy season now. How is trade in B this fall? Don't people think affairs affairs are progressing finally with the army? It seems to me this army must march over every obstacle right into Richmond. Have the 9 months men gone from Mass yet? Should like to have Wm write me much for all the news we get is by letters I hope these lines will find you and the children all well. I don't feel homesick except when I think of the lots of apples in NE. & I can't have any The only think in shape of fruit is simonds [persimmons?].

I send a seed in this letter. They taste like an apple except rather bitter. Flour has been sold in this Village for \$16 pr bll butter \$1 pr lb &c

Yours Truly WJ.