Pleasant Valley Oct 12th 1802

Dear Friends, I suppose you know I
heard from me by way of James Wood
at Sally Town a long letter to him and told him to
send it to you. I wrote to Judge Tappan last week
I suppose he has got it. I received a letter
from W. with V. on last Friday also a letter from J. He says we may have a
mail twice a week and there is great
Anxiety among us when it arrives. The
mail has come in all forms in a line and she says
only Long to deliver them and misses
then at last for this I was very glad to
receive a letter the first one I got some time.
I suppose you got that letter I sent with
it 2nd of September acknowledge the receipt of my
letter and then I shall know. Have you settled
with Swell I wanted you to say Ed will not
and that will square the land. I yourself will
will send you the key for her mine. I forgot that
I sent the key by William. I am going to write
to him. I would like to have you send me


Pleasant Valley Oct 12th 1862

Dear Friends: I suppose you have heard from me by way of James M. J. I wrote a long letter to him at Sandy Hook and told him to send it to you. I wrote to Sarah Jaggard last week I suppose she has got it. for I received a paper from H. with W.J Jaggard on it last Friday also a letter from J.M. Sawyer; we only have a mail twice a week and there is great enthusiasm among us when it arrives, the evry is the mail has come, the mail has come in my all form in a line and the Captain & Orderly Sergeants deliver them out somewhere. there are 150 for this Co I was very glad to receive a paper the first one I got since being here. I suppose you got that letter I sent with $2 in it Please acknowledge the receipt of evry letter and then I shall know; Have you settles up with Cogswell I wanted you to pay Ed. Mack $5.70 and that will square Folsom and myself. Josephine will send you the pay for hammer. I forgot that I sent the hammers by William; I am going to write to him I would like to have you send me a
Hope if you come once in a while. Don't have
Lizzie get that letter. Isn't that note was merely
an imitation of the "Confederate Note." There was a
lot around camp and as I thought I would send one
as I was writing to her at the time, I should like
to be at home and get some hominy and fowl
like which Mother has down cellar
more than that should like some potatoes but I
can't get it so there is no use in thinking about it. I am
very well contented to know that it takes an immense
quantity of food for men in large army at there is nowhere
so magnificent for us to get cavalry stores transport
in sufficient quantity to abundance. We have hard bread
(though you never saw any it is just like a cracker)
and curry only hard as a brick they are pretty good and
let it entirely for bread alone it with meat some try it
we have got in a habit of building up fires around
and cooking it ourselves. Madam favors myself went
together and run across a tomato yesterday and
cooked them this morning we had plenty
of sugar and thin went nice beans nice and
cold beef no hard fresh beef we get once in a great
while. The country around here is perfectly cleared of
everything else is rape corn hogs of corn and there are bring
veals and hogs plenty whole stock so difficult with the hands of as to get out most any night and the last
fruits chicken or turned criminal. They chase us as dead as
I said and not near the pretty quick. Nobody knows any
thing about it all we know is we have a good meal once
and a while. I would like to have you send me out some
lot of rubber pumps thin. When you come if you have many
but it is sometimes just in a hear. Some kind of food a little
more some small things. We have few the
sawdust are called I suppose. There's a sheet that back
paper if you can once in a while. I suppose Lizzie got that letter I sent That note was mearly an 
immitation of the “Confederate Note” There were a lot around camp so I thought I would send one as I was writing to her at the time. I should like to be at home and get some hominy and pumpkin pie which I presume Mother has down Mary more than that should like some tomato; but I can’t get it so there is no use in thinking about it. I am pretty well contented I know that it takes an immense quantity of food for such an large army as there is here and it is impossible for us to get comsary stores transport in very great abundance. We have hard bread (probably you never saw any it is just like sodo crackers square cakes only hard as a brick they are pretty good we eat it entirely for bread, stew it with meat some fry it we have got in a habit of building up fires around and cooking it ourselves. Alden Farrar & myself tent together we run across a tomato yesterday and cooked them this morning we had plenty of sugar and they went nice) beans rice and salt beef no pork fresh beef we get once in a great while. The country around here is completely cleaned of everything eatable except some pickets of corn and there are being rapidly cleared by the cavalry, and livestock is suffering severely these dark nights. Parties of scouts have it arranged with the gards so as to get out most every night and the first pig, chicken or harmed animal they can see is dead dressed and into camp pretty quick, nobody knows anything about it all we know is we have a good meal once in a while. I would like to have you send me out a small piece of rubber pritty thin When you write if you have some cut out a slit of paper with something interesting on it & put it in Sometimes put in a teaspoon ful of tea or little cloves &c. If you put your letters into Mrs. Dreky she will let more come than will Newell. We have seen no fighting yet and no signs of any. I hear a report that Jacksons cavalry are captured at Chambersburo Penn. I hope it is so Gen. Burnside commends this (undecipherable) we are in Gen. Faror’s Brigade Gen Sturgis division write soon direct to Washin (care if no one) and it will find me send a few stamps for they are scare here. W. J Templeton