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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

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to be at home and get some hominy and Pumpkin
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more than that should like some Tomatoes; 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 a large army as there is here and
it is impossible for us to get commissary stores transported
in ~~sufficient~~ very great abundance. We have hard bread
(probably you never saw any it is just like soda 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 Barcar & myself went
together we run across a ~~tomato~~ tomato yesterday and
cooked them ~~this~~ (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 cleared of
anything eatable except some fields of corn and there are being
rapidly cleared by the cavalry; and live stock is suffering
severely these dark nights. Parties of scouts have it arranged
with the guards so as to get out most every night and the first
pig, chicken or horned animal they can see is dead dr-
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thing about it all we know is we have a good meal once
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put it in. Sometimes put in a teaspoon full of tea a little
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