

that parchment was written by one
of those first few 1st confederates
Near Lancaster, Garrard Co. Ky. May 1863

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to prevent his furlough extends
15 days from tomorrow it takes
4 days to go from here to N^o 61
he intends to stop on his way
back at Boston one day So you
can know when to look for
him. I have not got but three
papers since I left Newford Mass
I guess you need not send any
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be very cheap or exchange coffee &c.
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It is just about as warm here as
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Please send me the powder containing
the account of Hookers battles
on the R. river & a few pictorials
by whom you can do them up in a snug
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stall. Please write me a long letter
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that Handkerchief will get along soon as I have more

We are in an excellent country we can get plenty of evrything to eat We can buy eggs, butter milk &c with very cheep as exchange coffee &c. I am well but the marching has taken off some flesh I feel much better for it however & this heat will not affect me so much It is just about as warm here, as the 10th of June would be in NH the season is about 4 or 5 weeks ahead of NH. pease are in the place potatoes & corn are up 4 & 5 inches fields of wheat are almost headed out. I want you to get a hot pint of brandy in a strong bottle with a good cork in it & 2 extra corks fitting the bottle & send by M.

Please send me the Journals containing the account of Hookers battles on the R. river & a few pictorials by M. you can do them up in a snug bundle & leave them at the stall. Please write me a long letter where the Short boys are the girls too? Where is John Black? Where is Anna? is she stopping with Mary Ann now?

PS I have just heard it confirmed that Richmond was captured by our forces most all believe it was [by] a raid for the official report [?] It's grand news