Winchester Clark Co. 18th April 1863

Dear Brother,

Received yours of the 20th last Thursday. Last day of the 17th we were a body of about 3000. We remained at Mr. Starly's from the 17th till the morning of the 19th when we took up our march for this place arriving here yesterday about 8 P.M. We left it about 3 a.m. and marched along full 20 miles to this camping ground. The day was very warm, the warmest we have had this morning some of the boys complained of their feet being swolled and numb. But mine are all right. The 17th of July I was very lucky for this reason. We had had no mail for two weeks and pay for 6 months & drawn no bush meat for a long time. While
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Dear Brother:

I received yours of the 80 ult. last Thursday Last day in NH was a lucky day for the 11\textsuperscript{th} Reg. We remained at Mt Sterling from the third hill the morning of the 17\textsuperscript{th}, when we took up our march for this place arriving here yesterday about 2 PM. We left [?] about 3 am & marched along full 20 miles to this camping ground The day was very warm the warmest we have had here this morning some of the boys complain of their feet being soar but mine are all right. The 16\textsuperscript{th} of Apr. was a lucky day for this reason. We had had no mail for two weeks no pay for 5 months & drawn no fresh meat for a long time While
that day brought them to the
"greenbacks" & the fish meat. Received
5 letters & two journals 8th & 9th. Three
came from home & as you have heard
since, I will not write the news.

Presume you have received the letter
of 1st at alt. I would like to have
you send that & this letter to Bella
The folks I guess would like to have
read it. A first line for all voters
I shall need but if you could send
me a short line with a large envelope
book — it would be glad and simply
the line can serve as a substitute of a letter.
This is a splendid country the most
beautiful farms, gardens of fine country
residences. I have ever seen. The
land all about is level or slightly
rolling & sprinkled all over with
large hard wood trees. The grove
where our home the land that is flower
is as green as ever & as well wooded as
that day brought the mail the “greenbacks” & the fresh meat. I received 6 letters & two journals 26th & 2d. Three came from home & as you have heard since I will not write the news. Presume you have received the letter I sent at Mt S. Would like to have you send that & this letter to Hillsboro The folks I guess would like to read it. A fish line for salt water I shant need but if you could send me a trout line with a large & a small hook would be glad send simply the line can make a sinker out of a bullet This is a splendid county the most beautiful farms, gardens & fine country residences. I have ever seen. The land all about is level or slightly & rolling & sprinkled all over with large hardwood trees. The grass everywhere (except the land that is broken up) is as green as thrifty & as well rooted
in the best fields on the farm.

The soil is very rich, a black mould and
not the meadow soil. The broom trees are in full
bloom which gives the gardens a
splendid appearance. Picking of
vegetables here is something besides we
will have some fruit this fall and
fall. When Paul and I were
running
I heard the plantation bells ringing
which call the weary black men to
their daily task. I went through a
fine piece of land last night and
daxed the negro who was furrowing
with a horse & a little shovel plough
what he was going to plant. "Mint
corn & red corn". How many acres
in this piece asked I. "What in de
or little piece" inquired Mr. Geo. &
"nine acres Summit" replies the back
man who holds on with his work. I
can't give him the credit of furrowing much
muck faster than it is done manually the way.
as in the best fields on NH. by the last [?]. The soil is very rich, a black would & no sand in it the
peach trees are in full bloom which gives the gardens a splendid appearance. I reckon if we stop
here & nothing happens we will have some peaches to eat next fall. When I got up this morning I
heard the Plantation bells ringing which call the weary black mean to his daily task. I went
through a fine piece of land last night & I asked the negrow who was furrowing with a horse & a
little shovel plough, what he was going to plant “Plant corn & [reckon?] sir” How many acres in
this piece asked I “What in dis ar little piece” enquired Nig, yes say I “nine acres I reckon”
replys the black man who keeps on with his work I can give him the credit of furrowing much [?]
then it is done usually in NH.
Eleanor, you will think this check looks rather sad. Do you remember the writing? I got a sheet of letter paper and this was given me. The soldiers don’t care for looks. We are expecting a march in a few days either to Richmond or somewhere on the Kentucky river.

February 19th. We got a mail last night and I wrote a letter from home. We have not heard anything yet. Stated amount. I think the mail train left early this morning to get the mail. The mail will be delivered in a few days. I guess we will get a letter soon. I heard the rain clade have met with a renewal at Corinth. I heard from a friend. He mentioned whether the attack is from the north or the south. I heard from a friend. It seemed very strange. I was not sure if she could hear the news today.

Guess the original "Monitor" was at the battle. Did you see the "Monitor" at the battle? I saw her at Newport News. She was rather insignificant. It can’t be the "Monitor" which was at the battle. I was not sure if she could hear the news today. The secret order was rather curious and unusual. The men were marched over the railroad tracks. The railroad tracks were rather curious. It made me wonder if she could hear the news today. The soldiers are getting into a state of education. Prejudice is to the abolitionists.
I reckon you will think this sheet looks rather bad to say nothing about the writing. I got short of letter paper & this was given me we soldiers don’t care for looks. We are expecting to march in a few days either to Richmond or somewhere on the Kentucky river Tuesday 2 PM We got a mail last night received a letter from home. We have got the mail fairly started now I given we shalt get one every day now I [?] the Iron clads have met with a repulse at Charleston I can’t learn whither the attack is given up or not I did not think when I saw the [?] at Newport News she would get sunk so soon She looked impregnable & It seemed as though she could hear a worse pounding than she got there. I guess the original Ericson Monitors the best. And you sail the Nahant at Boston. I saw her at Newport News she looks rather insignificant beside the Minnesota which lay a few rods above her. The secesh here rather crow over our reversal at Charleston But I tell them it must come Charleston must be taken sooner or later. I have failed to yet find a white Kentuckyan who does not approve the Proclamation No matter how strong union he is. They want to hold on to hold on to hold on to the niggir let come what will. The soldiers are getting in spite of education & prejudice to be abolitionists

I send you 50 d bil am afraid to send much Please send soon to H.

Yours in Haste

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