Camp 3 miles from Nichols.
Aug. 25th, 1863

Dear Sister Mary:

Tomm of Aug 30th was received to-night and I hasten to write you a few lines this pleasant evening. I had been calculating on time that I must get a letter from you to-night and have not been disappointed this time. Am very sorry that picture got so badly broken. I did not suppose brother or would think strange of my being poor in flesh as I have written you what I have been through you should not expect me to be so good and lean but I feel as well as ever in my life. We all had to go through some sort of trouble either diseases, injuries,ills or ailments on the skin. My face had been so badly broken out from the time of leaving Chillicothe till after we had arrived in Virginia sometime ago.
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The reason of my not getting my pictures taken before I waited so long for them to get well that I had not time to get Photographed there. It was so late at night as I should have got to take pictures taken, they are only 6 of each one are taken on paper Addison got some and they looked well. I hope yours will get that one safe though I am afraid not for it went in the same mail.

About my shirts, I don't know as I had a chance to send for them any soon. The farleighs don't come for the boys to expect them every day. I guess I must have one pair of drawers sent too make room you done the legs loose. It don't go to draw government drawers for they cost a good deal and are few articles if I had not drawn so many things last year I should have had more money paid me the next payment I would like to ask about my overcoat if it looks decent now? could Mother
the reason of my not getting my pictures taken before I waited so long for them to get well that I had not time to get Photograph so got those It was so late at night or I should have got 10 little pictures taken they cost only 5 cts each an are taken on paper, Alden got some and they looked well.

I hope James will get that one safe though I am afraid not for it went in the same mail. About my shirts, I don’t know as I shall get a chance to send for them very soon. The furloughs don’t come for the boys they expect them evry day. I guess I must have one pair of drawers sent too make some good ones the legs loose It don’t pay to draw government drawers for they cost a good deal and are poor articles If I had not drawn so many things last year I should have had more money paid me the next payment. I would like to ask about my overcoat if it looks decent now? could Father
make any use of it? If he can give it to me I will not send home for it. Josephine has not sent me the浴室 and the closet. However, you would enjoy yourself better in the village. I can write to Mr. Porter to move the village on to a small place of your choosing and the porter is coming. I guess you may get it well to use the watch unless you are intending to move back from Boston soon. I think you should want to bring it to me. I will write whether I do or not in person for you to get it fixed. Please tell the bundle alone don't tell Mr. Butler you put it in the drawers. Taber is scolding because he don't get a letter he has just run at the tent to hear the news. People is a good mind to never write another letter. Guess it won't try to send any Christmas. James got me a little bottle of brandy perhaps we shall have a chance to get that.
make any use of it? If he can guess I will not send home for it. Josephine has not sent me the $1
You can get it on you way down and keep it Perhaps you would enjoy yourself better to stop at
Lowell as you can not stop but one place. The $1 I can write to J. to send you Josephine has
moved out of the village on to a small place of 8 acres and Mr. Porter is farming. I guess you
may get Newell to fix the watch unless you are intending to come back from Boston soon I think
now I shall want Ferren to bring it to me I will write whether I do or not see reason for you to
get it fixed. Please hold the bundle up alone don’t tell Ferren you put in the drawers. Lila[?] is
scoulding because he don’t get a letter he has just been at the tent to hear the news & says he is a
good mind to never write another letter. Guess It won’t pay to send any liniment. James got me
a little bottle of Brandy perhaps we shall have chance to get that
Heav'n I heard from Mr. or Aunt Ford
Ann am going to write soon
I am afraid you will never get these
papers I sent you from Cincinnati.
I am very sorry to lose them, they
were quite interesting. We shall get
paid off Monday. Then I will mail
you 30.00 if you want a little more money
you will have it if you don't want it
you may let mother have it. Do Sunday
stand your right that mother lets
the money to the store the same as
let 915 to Willemon town? How it
seems as though he ought to have
some not sell mother. As write a time
and explain it. I would like to have
him write me a few lines whenever
he can his hand writing seems to
look natural, and reminds me of
the old account book at home.
I began wrong on this sheet rebel
paper is not civilized. I got a few
things that want you to see in the bundle
and some things for Emma but I fear
I can't get them home in season.
Haven’t heard from Wm or Aunt Sarah Ann, am going to write soon

I am afraid you will never get those papers I sent you from Cincinnati. I am very sorry to lose them they were quite interesting. We shall get paid off Monday. Guess I will mail you $2 so if you want a little more money you will have it if you don’t want it you may let Mother have it. Do I understand you right that Father lets the money to the state the same as I let $150 to Hillsboro’ town? If so it seems as though He ought to have some not, Tell Father write a time and explain it. I would like to have him write me a few lines whenever he can his hand writing seems to look natural, and reminds me of the old account book at home. I began wrong on this sheet rebel paper is not civilized I got several things I want you to see in the bundle and some things for Emma but I fear I can’t get them home in season.