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express or any other conveyance. Can
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they are in our brigade if they can
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any thing brought through
if we are in winter quarters.
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& ~~some~~ a nice build dish
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Nov 29

I got a letter from Mary Ann this morning written the 24th all well at home I received Wm's letter Wednesday will answer soon Did you get that coat of mine you might as well have it & wear it. I want to send Emma something I intended to send her a ring but lost the mood I send her a D. so she can remember the Co. I belong to. How does Mrs. Colby work the sewing machine if she has any trouble with it write me.