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Dear Brother

I received yours with Mothers of the 7th + 9th of Feb: last Monday after having gone to N-[Nevers?] and sent from there here but that made no difference I was just as glad to receive them and was glad to learn (as did from Mother the day previous) that you were regaining your health and was once more attending to the duties of your School I am so glad that you are all enjoing better health on your act – and I feared that Mother would get sick herself but you and all express so much sympathy for me that sometimes I am inclined to think that you do not think enough of your own health And often have I thought that it is all for the best that I am unable to get a furlow Home as it would only make an [extry?] care and trouble which I could remain long enough to get my strength again Using this kind of logic I feel quite content to remain and share the fortunes of war with the rest of the soldiers and if it should

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fate to loose my life in this our Countrys freedom so be it But many being killed and dieing from disease which I am yet spaired and according to the predication of some the time is close at hand when we shall all return to our peaceful Homes They think as soon as the Rebs learn that the draft for more men from the North proves a success thy the Rebs will succumb But I do not see it in a strong alight although I am sure of the success of the draft with the exception of some [unknown word] even if I am allowed to express it in my native State VT

Many of the soldiers whom I have conversed with before I left the Regt and since I came here have no faith and say there will be a rebbelion in the North and I have been abused by officers for sticking to it that it would be a success Waht is your opinion and that of those in B + R of course I know but I want to learn of some of some of the [ruchichs?] I could name several in B who I hope will have the good luck to be drafted if there is to be one One thing is sure this cursed rebbelion has got to be put down and U.S. <u>must</u> and <u>will</u> have men to do it I am

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glad they are puting the Blacks in to the fighting for their own liberty and from account I see they prove themselves good fighters: although many of our soldiers hate to own it and are bound not to fight with them I see by Mothers letter that you have received \$15.00 for our months pay which we received at Near Falmouth which was due us from Sept 16th but instead of paying 2 months they only paid for # one and a half months this paing up to the 1st of Nov paing me \$15.00 as they did not divide the alotment of the half month And now we have 4 months due us or will the # 1st of March but will draw but for two unless we are mustered here for Jan + Feb as we are now only now mustered for Nov + Dec In my second letter after arriving here I wished you to send me \$25.00 not thinking but you might have it at hand and as I was sadly in need of and a vest also which I never have had since I have been in the army As to the coat I can draw one here but with my [pasish?] I thought I needed a little better one But as Me thinks it unnecessary I conclude to draw one but get me a cap and vest and to do this I shal need an

anothing good as I wound funding good grand Shale into the \$10,00 which I received before leaving Valmonth Va for here must of it has gone for applies an milk since I carre how I would not send for this but mer are not sure of burny paid aff for the months to come and I wish to get to get them so as to have my picture taken before having I have written thus for without sputing if my own health which I am sary to say has not hun as well the past with as when I first - Came here having had a slig t turn of the billions Colic but Jam better non and Infround as usual exects that I do no fo weakings which is caused by indistin and sometimes I go two or three days while, I down complete and is no help for if hing and about thruthe a day although wheat briad and poor coffee thruthe and vegitable for dinner athis is so synch bell complain but it don't suit my present ata of health and I do wish I gould get sony of M. joney Cakes or graham, bread my throat, and things are as well as ever I do not their Hyone that would ad to my comfort we have everything here to make our comfort we and contented but the prising of Home and form and the diet as a bottle of current wine and your prison you nut and you prison the hatter when I want the highest to principle to present when I health I remain as ever your and all in growd brother I soul that I perhand you and all in growd brother I soul that Whitchel

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another \$5.00 as I worn a pretty good hole into the \$1000 which I received before leaving Falmouth VA for here most of it has gone for apples and milk since I came here I would not spend for this but we are not sure of being paid off for three months to come and I wish to get to get them so as to have my picture taken before leaving

I have written thus far without speaking of my own health which I am sorry to say has not been as well the past week as when I first came here having had a slight turn of the billious colic but I am better now and up round as usual except I do not go out of doors I feel as well as I ever did but for [weaknys?] which is caused by indjistion and sometimes I go two or three days unless I [illegible] phisic and is no help for it being [unknown word] of good wheat bread and poor coffee thru [illegible] a day although we have a small alloweance of [illegible] and vegitable for dinner this so much better than we got when in the front that I cant complain but it dont suit my present state of health and I do wish I could get some of Mothers joney cakes or graham bread My throat and lungs are as well as ever I do not think of any thing that I could have sent from home that would ad to my comfort we have everything here to make our comfortable and contended but the presence of Home and the diet – A Lady from N.H. has just been in and left us a bottle of current wine and some preserves but I must close I hope to be better when I write you next and do better justice to pen ink + paper Hoping this may find you and all in good health I remain as ever your efectionate brother + son Chas W Wilcox