

Near Fredericksburg Va. Dec 3^d 1862
Dear Parents & Sister:

I sent you
a letter last Saturday I think &
received a letter with 2 stamps also
received the 4 stamp on Monday
morning received your two
papers & a letter the tea & black paper
I very much needed should like
some more tea in your next letter
perhaps you think it strange that I
send for tea when I would not drink
it at home. I have got in the habit
of drinking coffee as the water is not
very good, we have plenty of coffee
but no tea I think warm drink
is better than cold. In your next paper
you send just in a few slices of
dried apple don't say anything about
it & it will come along straight
my drawers I would like just as soon
as you can possibly send them if you had
a good thick pair of stockings send

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Dear Parrents & Sister:

I sent you a letter last Saturday I think & received a letter with 27 Stamps also received the 4 stamps Monday morning received your box two papers & a letter the tea & black peper I very much needed should like some more tea in your next letter Perhaps you think it strang that I send for tea when I would not drink it at home. I have got in the habit of drinking coffee as the water is not very good, we have plenty of coffee but no tea & I think warm drink is better than cold. In your next paper you send first a few slices of dried apple don't say any thing about it & it will come along straight my drawers I would like just as soon as you can possibly send them if you had a good thick pr. of stockings send

send them ~~by~~ but I am in no hurry
perhaps better word a white
leather. I do want some good strong
black linen thread & some white

cotton that some came handy
send me some more when you have
nothing else I put in a little
coffee, we have more than we can use
you can have a can of government
coffee. How does your sewing machine
work if you have any trouble write
me. I don't care if Mother sends in
a bagging and (without hands) need not
worry about the leather. I received
Lizzy's letter with much pleasure
I read the President's message
last night it is a good one from
what I learn by once reading it
We were paid off yesterday 900 &
I talked 69 per month to be left at
home.

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send [sic] them too but I am in no hurry for them perhaps better wait a while I do want some good strong black linen thread & some white cotton that twine came handy send me some more when you have nothing else I put in a little coffee, we have more than we can use you can have a drink of government coffee. How does your sewing machine work if you have any trouble write me. I don't care if Father sends me a pegging awl (without handle) need not mind about the leather. I received Lizzie's letter with much pleasure I read the Presidents message last night it is a good one from what I learn by once reading it We were paid off yesterday got \$8 I allotted \$9 per month to be left at home