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James this new comer will take any size & possession. He takes whole companies and regiments together I put a half dollar in this so if it is lost it wont be much. Some of the boys loose a good many letters. Letters come through in about four days. We get a mail every day and the Cincinnati daily papers come in about 4 o clock evry day. So we are reading the Daily Commercial or Gazett about the same time you are the Boston Journal. Last night paper has gorious news from the Mississippi the Rebs are getting the worst of it in that section. It seems the 16th Reg. has a fight in prospect as Emory's Div was closing in upon a body of Rebs. I wish you would write me if Clapp did vote the democrat ticket. What does he say

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Please write me whatever news you get from the 11th boys please send me a few 1 ct 3 or 4 as I may want to send a paper home If you want to go to Boston start of & stop at Hooksetts & Lowell you can go alone just as well as with Harriet Is Charles Bobbins at Home now? Yours in Haste W.J.T.