

Grand run 600 but on arrival to and
there and over to 200
I have no stock in camp

Winchester Clark Co. Ky April 18th /63

Dear Brother:

I received yours of the
20th ult. last Thurs day. First day in
April was a lucky day for the 11th day
We remained at Mt Sterling from
the third till the morning of the
17th when we took upon our march
for this place arriving here yesterday
about 2 P.M. We left 9. about 3 a.m. &
marched along full 20 miles to this
camping ground. The day was very
warm the warmest we have had
here this morning some of the boys
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that day brought the mail the
"greenbacks" & the fresh meat. I received
2 letters & two journals 20th & 21st Three
came from home & as you have heard
since I will not write the news.

Presume you have received the letter
I sent at Mt. St. Would like to have
you send that & this letter to Wellsboro
The folks I guess would like to have
read it. A fish time for salt water
I haven't tried but if you could send
me a trout line with a large & a small
hook ~~as~~ it would be glad and simply
the line can make a sinker out of a bullet
This is a splendid country the most
beautiful farms, gardens a fine country
residences. I have ever seen. The
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that day brought the mail the “greenbacks” & the fresh meat. I received 6 letters & two journals 26th & 2^d. Three came from home & as you have heard since I will not write the news. Presume you have received the letter I sent at Mt S. Would like to have you send that & this letter to Hillsboro The folks I guess would like to read it. A fish line for salt water I shant need but if you could send me a trout line with a large & a small hook would be glad send simply the line can make a sinker out of a bullet This is a splendid county the most beautiful farms, gardens & fine country residences. I have ever seen. The land all about is level or slightly & rolling & sprinkled all over with large hardwood trees. The grass evrywhere (except the land that is broken up) is as green as thrifly & as well rooted

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in it. The peach trees are in full
bloom which gives the gardens a
splendid appearance. Prickon if
we ship here & nothing happens we
will have some peaches to eat and
sell. When I got up this morning
I heard the plantation bells ringing
which call the weary black man to
his daily task. I went through a
fine piece of land last night &
I asked the negro who was farming
with a horse & a little shovel plough
what he was going to plant. "Plant
corn & cotton sir" How many acres
in this piece asked I. "What in dis
ar little piece" inquired Nig. "Yes sir"
"nine acres Prickon" replies the black
man who keeps on with his work. I
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as in the best fields on NH. by the last [?]. The soil is very rich, a black would & no sand in it the peach trees are in full bloom which gives the gardens a splendid appearance. I reckon if we stop here & nothing happens we will have some peaches to eat next fall. When I got up this morning I heard the Plantation bells ringing which call the weary black man to his daily task. I went through a fine piece of land last night & I asked the negrow who was furrowing with a horse & a little shovel plough, what he was going to plant "Plant corn & [reckon?] sir" How many acres in this piece asked I "What in dis ar little piece" enquired Nig, yes say I "nine acres I reckon" replys the black man who keeps on with his work I can give him the credit of furrowing much [?] than it is done usually in NH.

Puckon you will think this sheet looks
rather bad to say nothing about the
writing. I got short of letter paper & this
was given me we soldiers don't care
for looks. We are expecting to march
in a few days either to Richmond or
somewhere on the Kentucky river
Sunday 2 PM Went to mail last night
picked a letter from home. We have
got the mail fairly started now I
guess we shall get one every day now
I suppose the Fairblade have met with
a repulse at Charleston. I can't learn
whether the attack is given up or not I did
not think when I saw the Schoepuck at
Newport News she would get sunk so soon
She looked impregnable there & it seemed
as though she could bear a worse pounding
than she got there. I guess the original
Criscon Monsters are the best. Did you
see the Nahant at Boston. I saw her at
Newport News she looks rather insignifi-
cant beside the Minnesota which lay
a few rods above her. The secession here
rather crows over our vessel at Charleston
But I tell them it must come Charleston
must be taken sooner or later. I have failed
to get find a white Kentuckian who does
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I send you 50 d bil am afraid to send much Please send soon to H.

Yours in Haste

W.J Templeton