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Camp Reed, Jackson
Tennessee March 9th 1863

Dear Jane, I received your
kind letter of the 1st & 2^d of
March. Last night with room on
the 8th inst, and I was truly glad
to hear from you and the children
again, and especially to hear that
you were still enjoying good health.
I am only reasonably well at this
time. I have been unwell about
ten days with a severe cold that
settled on my lungs and throat
I also had so very sore mouth
but that is almost well. I have
been able to be on duty the most
of the time, but don't go out
of the camp to do duty. My
cold is getting better, the great
trouble is I can't get any medi-
cine to take that does me any
good. I shall get some to day,

I have sent down to town to
get some articles from the
drug store to make some lotion
to cleanse my Stomach, and
regulate my blood, you said
that you had been looking all
week for a letter, so had I, as
I wrote to you on the very day
that you wrote to me, that was
on the 22^d day of Feb. which
you ought to have got before you
wrote your last letter, I have also
wrote a letter to the boys, and
one to Almiru, hope you got
them all before this time, I am
glad that the Maas look so
well, I know you take good
care of them, am sorry that
you are deprived of milk &
butter so long, it must seem
long to you as you have always
been used to them, I think you

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5th Flour seems to be on the
rise up in Illinois, I hardly
see how you raised the money
to buy a barrel of Flour. If you
dont need all the wheat you
had better get it ground and
sell the flour for the money. I am
truly sorry that I cant send you
some money to help pay for little
Atties Tomb Stones, but it is impossible
for me to do it at this time I thought
they would have been nice one
for the price he charged for them.
but as it is, and so I must be, do
the best you can for the present.
put the Stones in a good secure
place when they will not get broke
and I will help to set them up
when I come home, but if I
cant I will send you word in
time to have it done. I want it
done in good style, and made
durable as that seems to be the

last respect that we can
we can pray our own well
beloved little Mattie. That
be to the God of mercy her
little Spirit rests in peace, would
that we were all as happy
as she is. let us so live that we
may be so happy as to meet
her in the heaven of bliss.
Dear Jane I have written so
often about trying to get home
that I hardly know what to
say to you at this time. It is
a little dangerous for anyone
to go out of the line to get a
parcel, for they run the risk
of being shot while running
by the pickets to get to the coun-
try, and then a gain Gen
Grant has issued an order
that any soldier who straggles
off outside of the lines shall be
treated as a deserter and treated

as such which penalty is death
to the soldier, Captain Hull of
the 17th Regiment is on the
look out for the two Hill
boys and Burt Lewis too; they
are all deserters and run
off to keep from going down
to Vicksburg. If I ever make a
trial I will let you know
before hand and then I
will make a sure thing
of it, certain. I wont never
desert. I dont want any one to
have the privilege of casting into
the face of my children that
their Father was a deserter
I want to get home, but I do
want to come honorable,
so that I can have it said
that I have done my duty
to myself and family, my
Country and to my god,
there nothing beneath the Heavens

that I appreciate so highly as I
the great interest that you take in
my welfare for I know you
must almost shrink under the
great load that lies on your
mind for my safety, but bear
it with fortitude all will be
well yet, my mind is on
the continual thinking of you
and the children, I am fearful
sometimes that you are
suffering for want of money
to get things with, but most of
all I fear for your health, for
if any of you get sick send me
word and I will come cost it
what it may, I expect another
letter to day and if I get it I
will answer to morrow, I
dont no what to number this
letter for I wrote so many that I
neglected to number them, I answered
three in one, and according to that
this is my 7th gone by post this time
Mrs M Standara To wife and family