

I don't think I could get up and
address an audience more than
if I now was accustomed to do so
and I do not think I will try
I might providing it was of
the right stamp. I am all ^{at} of
Practise in every line and for me
only. I think I can laugh little yet
I had a notion laugh all over this
paper and then it would not become
a gentleman and will soon close for
this time hoping this may find
you in as good health as leaves me
my kind regards to all and your
self included hoping to hear
from you soon Respectfully
Yours, Old Friend
Lush

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Fort. Larned Kansas
Jan'y 2nd 1875

Friend, E. M. D.

Your kind and welcome
communication came safe to hand
yesterday morning bearing date Dec.
27th 74. and in reply I say that I was
truly pleased to hear from you again
and to learn of you, unfounded good
health, and also that you was trying
to enjoy yourself in your old age!
well as regards to my own little self
I am tough and hearty as fool,
suppose you will say, natural in
every respect, well both Christmas
and New years both passed off
quit for this little Bony altho a
few of them showed some signs
of "Old" Ray" but was compelled to

hold their peace or they would be
snatched Bald Headed and waltzed
over to No. One, who pass to and
fro in front of the guard House
and they are quite shy of that local-
ity. there was not as much roving
for a place like this. the old King
made his appearance quite frequently.
but the Officers made not effort to
check it. and I have not doubt that
things passed just as well. for you
know that the Easiest way is always
the best in such a case. for Soldiers
will be Soldiers wherever they are.

in regard to our weather here. we are
at present time experiencing some
cold weather and have about a foot
of snow more than I have seen for
a long time but as for sleighing
that's out of the question they do
not know what a sleigh is in this
Country. I think you must had

good sleighing for New years did
you not and did you have as gay old
time as on Christmas if so I would
like to been in a safe place and had
a chance to sketch the proceeding
of the eventful night. I see by your
that they keep up the old sport of
Shinken Torting. I am out of track
ice and suppose that could not hit
a flock of Barnes should they all
fly up at once. I have wasted a right
amount of ammunition this summer
but no small game nothing less
than a Buffalo Deer antelope or a
Cheyenne Indian are quite
expected in that Biz. Tomorrow is
the Sabbath day and I am to keep
it Holy, and I am going skating
I would attend church if there was
any but I would have to go 7 miles
and that is not what cracked
up to be in this Country.