

Letter that I stand a slim chance
of getting an answer to this one.

But if I wished I could get 2^{ps}
of the Co. to swear to that Letter to
confirm it. The Division now is
about 12 miles South of (Rolla) as
small town at the Termination of the
Pacific R.R. and we know nothing
how long we shall lay here. we
may go down the Miss and we
may not. I am in good health
and so are the rest from Forts.

You must excuse me for writing as
I have. I must say I have said
the truth. We expect Gen Herrow
is going to choose his Body Guard out
of our Batt'n. I cannot think of any
more so I'll close yours with
my best wishes

L. M. Johnson

address as before & write soon

Camp on Lake Spring Mo.
Apr. 4th 1863

Miss A. L. Fowler.

I again seat myself
to answer your kind Letter. which came to
hand a few minutes ago. and you may
be assured that I was happy to hear
from you. Although you did come down
on this injin some. But never mind
I have your Sentiments and I should
judge by your writing that you did
not believe a word that I wrote in my
last. But what I wrote in regard to
the Troops in this Command is the
Truth. and in regard to the Officers
there is no use of saying anything for I
am that you will not believe a word
that I say, and I must say that I do
really believe what I wrote in regard
to the Progress of this war. But I
differ with you in regard to the Slave

But never mind Difference in Opinion
need not hinder us from corresponding
I notice that the Dread Messenger Death
Visits your neighborhood as well as this
country. But we have all got to Die.
You need not feel alarmed about my
expression of feeling & thoughts getting
me Shot! No Sir. I find that a great
many of the Troops are alike me or I am
like them rather. I am going to express
my feelings when and where I please.
in regard to this War. I do not want
you to think I am complaining for
I am not. I knew or I imagined the
Hard Ships Soldiers had to endure
But it is to see the way that this
War is carried on. and it is Shoulder
Straps that is keeping the machine running.
I have not got to be a Seeth But I do
believe that the Ruling Power of the
U.S. are bound to Ruin them
I am just as good Union as ever I
was. I care nothing for Hardships

If it was doing any good. and I am
afraid Fighting Joe Hooker now in
Command of the Army of the Potomac
is only waiting to make another
Burnside Movement. I ask you
Which is the most Dishonorable to
Desert or Fight to Force the Wigger
which will cause the Ruination of
the U.S. If they are freed. and in regard
to the Lashing of Wiggers they are not ^{really} half
as bad as they will be If they are freed
But never mind I am bound to stay my
time out If I am permitted to Live as long
But never do you see me returning to
that town. and the reason why you
can tell as well as I. Friends to me
are scarce in that town just because
I have written them a few words of
Truth. But I thank you much for
your words of Encouragement. I do not
know as I need write much more
for I have confirmed what I said
in my last and so I judge by your