

Please Address as follows

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Miss A. V. Fowler.

Yours of the 11th was recd yesterday and you may be assured that I was glad to hear from you & the rest of the Towns People once more for I began to think that you all had forgotten this thing (see) and I was happy to hear that you was enjoying good health and I hope and trust that these broken remarks may find you enjoying the same blessing yet I am in Imp. Imp. Health never enjoyed better I am very poor I only weigh 170 pounds. Since we have been here we have lived first rate our Company is not with the Regt and probably shall not be any more We are with the General now and expect to stay with him hereafter and we are having very good times now much easier than we had while in the Regiment I myself am Clerk of Court Martial Detached on Military Commission and that excuses me from all other duty We know nothing when we shall leave here

We may leave here in a day or two and we may not
leave in all summer if we leave we shall come back
soon for the Generals Head Quarters are here in this place
Hoel has got well again but Lewis Mauby is very unwell with
the Rheumatism's but I believe ^{that} the rest of the boys are in
good health You cannot have the least idea of what
a Soldier has to endure especially while on the march
and about the bread We get middling good bread but we
got some the other morning sover enough to make a
pig Squell Dont talk to me about Biscuits for I cannot
get any if I want to Hoel says there is no such good news
as his being Shot I would like to know who it is that
writes such Reports And about my being afraid of a white
cloth I dont think it was so far there is not any white cloths
in this Country or at least I have not seen any (Till Olga
that Eggs is played out and as for Buffalo Robes we do not
need any far It is pretty warm here but rather cool today
but I would likest rate to have been there to her party
(as I would) but my mind are not all coming back yet
Fall. I think that you must have had a very nice party
the one of Mr. Palmers, a Drunken one I mean, I should
think Billy and Emaline would get sick of parting
and stay away from each other I dont believe that

You could hide on one of our saddles but if you
will come out and get one you may have it Hoel says
Ben Palmer better keep away from his little Ellen as he
will come back and Break his other Arm. I thought by
Jeds actions. I shall not say what. ^{the} Farmers, are ahead of
you ^{now} for there is lots and lots of grain here almost
ready to cut now. And we are going to have lots and lots
of Fruit here pretty soon and all kinds too, Peaches will be
ripe in about 2 weeks There is a great many good Oak
acres laying out to the Commons here which were Seesch
Property when this Rebellion broke out, and they had to
leave it and go farther south Speaking about Ellen and Ben
I guess that the girls are getting so that they take up with any
^{old} thing I guess If Joe Whitney was alive they would all be
after him The Union troops keep bringing in Rebel prisoners
here most every day There is lots and lots of Rebel pris ones here
confined and Court martials I was at three every day but the
sentence I dont not tell, for it is pretty serious I dont know
as I can tell you any more so I will close my letter
hoping to hear from you again my love to Grandmother
and Yourself also and Respects to all enquiring friends
If there ^{there} be any (Hoel says he is ^{at} Lat Ragged and Sancy sover)
Write soon
Spren. M. J. to Miss. Abigail Fowler