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Dear friends

I came to town this
morning to attend to poor Bouey's
body, sent home. It will arrive
here the latter part of next week
probably, Thursday or Friday.

Do not
be alarmed Mother about me. My
Men, everyone of them would step
in between me and death. As for
Vandyke, he is not in my company.
Nor will he be any place long if he
does not attend to business better.
I suppose he blowed at home, but
we all know him here. He cannot
injure me in any way. But I was
none of our men that snapped at me
that I know, as there were more

There. No man can get out
of our lines. Even ^{HERB VOCKER} ~~the~~ ^{HERB VOCKER} ~~the~~ ^{HERB VOCKER}
Coud not pass. He must go by the
regular path, or gate.

Yesterday our
Division of about ten thousand men
went out to Hunters Mill, and got
252 wagon loads of forage. We drove
in the Rebel pickets and waited
a long time for them to come
at us, but they did not show
themselves. The Maser was a hard
one. I was very tired, but one
night's sleep, and all at ground
as ever.

I think I will be able
to get home this month. I intend
to strain every nerve to get it.
And if I insist I know they
will not refuse me. I will endeavor
to get there about my birthday, so
I can have a good time
of it.

I am very well satisfied
with Eds reading with Gen Clement.
I think he will learn more there
than if he was with Greenough
The Gen is an excellent man, and
will take more pains with a student
than any man I know of.

My health
continues in an excellent condition
The other night I was on picket
and snowed nearly dead. It did
not affect me in the least not
even giving me a cold so you
see I can stand anything. I
got a letter from Geo. Lisenring
and would write to him but do
not know where to direct.

Mother,
suppose I send you a little
darky girl about 12 years of age.
She is a smart active, slave girl,
belonging to a rebel woman, and
I can get her easy. In your next

tell me if you want her. I
think she would be a great help
to you

There is another rumor
that our Dept will go South for
true it is I cannot say, but if
we go I will endeavor to get home
just. I am glad to hear Grand-
mother is at home and well, she
has had a fine time. I will
write to her shortly.

Tell Uncle
O. M. S. I am waiting for a
letter from him. I got one from
Auntie last night she is well
But I have nothing to write about
more. Remember me to all friends
and write soon

Yours

Samuel