

Sits and drinks whatever is furnished there. I do not. I have eaten in my room with the exception of three times. So you see all that I get from Gov is a little bread & meal and about two potatoes per day. Every thing else is my own. This I would like to continue to do if it is possible. Whiskey like ours is worth 75 or 80 \$ per gallon. Wine 40 \$ & coffee 10 \$ Tea 20 butter – 5 to 7 \$. I think the Confederacy owes me more than I owe it and shall not say anything about it until your Pa wishes me. Mrs. Linkener regrets having said what she did about it Mrs. Miller advises me not to say anything, at any rate until the times comes to leave, but to keep a daily account of what I use, and what I furnish to C. This I will do. When you write read all the letters (---?---) have read from me and advise me as to the various matters contained in them. I have gotten 2 packs envelopes for 1\$ each that is cheaper than you can buy them they are not as good as those you get but answer very well. Letters – paper is 5\$ per quive. Send some if you have it. I have been so unfamiliar as to break my busk. Have just been out to get it mended. Can have it done very near the Hospital in a government shop without charge. Mrs. Comfort came again today hoping to see Mr Campbell. Did not see him as he did not come today. Brought C some nice apples. Is going to spend several weeks in the neighborhood. Mrs. Goodman was with her. C says she will call frequently. It is so warm today winter clothes are oppressive. If you do get off do not forget to take all your music L says they cannot get music. Any of you that start to come out this way provide yourselves with plenty to eat for the whole trip. When you send for me send plenty to eat. Did your Pa tell you we left Woodstock before day and did not get our breakfast until after the middle of the day and not much then. If we had not had our tea I do not know what we would have done. I wonder I was not sick. Tell Sally I often wish for her nice milk & cream. And Kitty's good butter catkes, muffins, flannel cakes, and soda biscuits. If I could get milk I might have biscuits but cannot get even sour milk.

Thursday 29th Whilst I have been at the house getting breakfast the Dr. has gone his rounds and among others your brother was examined. Dr. says it is doing mighty well Charles raised his knee several inches from the bed. He is in fine spirits. But says Ma you must not leave me. I do not think it would almost kill me. Charles has received his pay roll, but has not drawn his pay yet he will receive 145\$ dollars. I am truly glad he has so much. As he has unavoidable suffering. I told you Comfort Laughlin brought me those lbs of soap. Instead of paying her for she wishes me to give Mrs Haslett the same quantity. I am very glad indeed to be able to make this exchange. If I had my soap her I could get two dollars per lb. for it. Do not neglect to give Mrs. H enough soap and let her know how it comes. Jimmy League and Jeff Thomas just called to see Charles. Jimmy wishes me to say that he is stationed at Linseys turnout about 5 miles from this place. He is well and looks remarkably well, and as handsome as ever. Thomas also wishes to be remembered to his Mother & sister. He is stationed at the same place. He I suppose from his dress is a Sargent. He is very well and better-looking than any of the family that I have seen. Jimmy sends his best love to the family. I believe I have given you all the news and as Mr. C will be back again tomorrow I will close. Give my very best love to your Pa, Grandma and Dear little Willis, kiss him again & again for Ma' and accept a large portion of a Mother's love for yourself. May God bless you all, keep you from all evil and in his own good time reunite us is the prayer of your devoted Mother

This is only a portion of the letter from Mary Creighton Tabb to her daughter Mary Park Tabb - GET