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My dear sister I received your
letter the sixth of the present month
and was glad to hear from you
and the rest of the family that
you were all well and in good health
as for good health I have not got
my health is poor and I don't know
when I shall be any better and
I dare not go home in this cold
weather for I could not stand it
it rains all the time in these parts
if I was in your state I should prefer
to

I have Been writing home to dory
But can't finish it yet for I was
waitting to get one from you
to let them know how you get along
I am looking every day for a letter
from Mary Estt I wrote her a letter
and it was two sheet and a half and
it was a good one you may believe
I put in it all that I could think of
and more besides I bet it made her
laugh But my head is so thick to
day to write much for I have such
a bad cold that I can't write and the
tent is full of boys and make so
^{much} noize that my head is upside down
and don't think hard if I write a short
letter for I don't know what to tell
you Lucinz came last night and
read your letter and was glad
to hear you got his letter and
monney all safe for he was afraid
that you would not get it he is
well and fat as a bear and likes
the army.

Am march whe get our pay a gain
the six or seventh I think he will
send you more monney then he may
as well help you as to spend it needlez
for it must be hard times out there
and nothing to do and no work to
be had for I know them parts and
if I hadnt went to war I should
poun't have had hard times of it for last summer
work was scarce and none to be had
and only fifty cents a day I never
work for that price before last
summer since I have live in water
County But when this war ends
times will be better I left my monney
in Kingston Bank ten dollars a month
for my family use and they can
live like pigs in a corn field and
wear good close if they take pains to
pick them well patch and mended
up I left party Bushels of potatoes
and five tons of hay and a lot of corn
for I had a good garden as any other
man

tell mother that she must not
give up smoking yet stick to it
and run the risk of tobacco
pipes and if the fire goes out take
match and light it there is more
than one way to the woods I
now I should like to ^{see} mother
and all the rest of the family and
sit down and take a smoke and
I want William to be a good
girl and go to school and learn
his Book and be good to mother
and mind her tell Lockemy that
I wish her much Joy for one
year and then a Boy and then
name it after her Brother
in Decker and then I know that
it ~~is~~ would be handsome tell dome
that I should like to see her
I ant seen her in ten or eleven
weeks; an my when you get married
in vite me to the wedding and I will
come and fetch a bag of powder and ride
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