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Dear May With pleasure
this Holy day I seat my self
to drop you a few lines to
let you see that I am well
and hoping those few lines
will find you in the same
condition by the help of a
merciful God and family so be
it I receive yours and Frazzys
letters ^{the in} letters always finds
me waiting for them the news
get here too soon I received
a letter from James Kirk this
morning he wants to come to
our Co the health of our Co is
improving the weather is very
windy and cold frost and ice
I had it was too cold to go to
church today I had I could
rest today and read my Book
I dont have any preaching
only when we go to Wilmington

Well Now if you can get
Ben Welch hire him if
cost 2 hundred But get him
for less if you can you had
beter hire him before cris my
I dont know when I will get
home there is sum men here
that want him home in fifty
month now you see my char
I dont know how long we will
stay here I hope it wont
be long if I can get to go
home home is the best
~~some~~ please I would rather
stay here than go any where
else in the army any person
But a Soldier dont no know
any thing a bout it I am still
on the work Squad on Detach
Service my Sacks has got
holes in them I will have
to go to mitting I get my
Dun in town at 25 cts a per [49]

as long as that

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