here it is

De Cem ber the 2 '86? my end in i tooke my ten band to whorm you that i un well at Tresant and i these lines may but you en py the Some ble Sing you all a fear to be dead and whether you be or me i can not tel it you are not dead you are very cur less a bout either briends or relation ad bor writing you do not give a dam whether you all write or not though i might write etry day which i do evry low of three days with some lines every and to get once a month i can not it books as though you might once his while every three or bour months and i would get a leter now and then but the

you all write it is allow most never i want you to write bor i want or will not be home be bore or under sitt or seven months i do not want come be bore the last of anyest and the hops by that it e will closter home and it wit i do not know when i will be home it had any more such resorts as i have i do not ex teet i wil come atale one more move like this here To fore take flace and istart and get in ten miles at home and i hear at it i take a little tack and tack right lack and catch the old gray good by the hind then it wil be blip blotold mother hulle backmany day buint it it aint your E O and i will eat Som bodys

bot it don't i wil not get no incliances weelin take i See you are all tring to get maried be earle i have your was to eat reble and take block Till never mind my time is a Coming and i wil latch Some of you a nating but al i ask of you is not to do no more bot my time must be next if not i wil stay here a mony the rebles whilste I live and i would not had that to have your of no way bot i would have give a bive dolar bil to have Seen Jorge marty it i was to home I would come and have fun i nonder it ald charles dellen was there it he was i timen him and natheas Joseph pean hall centy

of bur and it had bin you would had bury for Jest got the word jesterday and i thought i fre hal's it i would write to day i might yet Some of the Eake bor i know heen has got Some and i want a Teale it it has to be five years old and I dare an other of my Eus ins to get marcel with out i am there or with att i die or the rebles beeds we to herry then it they will you at such against my orders they will have To but nathing must not marry until i come home for i interest to have al of my connections to my wedin and tel me why in the elevil of you

get Somthing good treat all at that your losom coon rabit black squirls and i heard nooster evon yester day morning and fest he low here they song theen is a flerity of dear and his they and down dar Float hig fat hoys and don't you know that i will have good lime of pur by is as down in the woods other day and to the bles yat after them and they got han in troubliment and billed on The rebles and they took the wings of the norming in reteel and they got out of in Men Chment and the Whiles I being that there was not meny of them and they come Are gain the Eatseing a gun bout which was making its way to thom the tat tim run a

I little distate facts give the Jun Coat Sign and The offened fire on them and they had to retreet for Somthing give my lave to all of the priends don't give the se es un inch but lome John have and on them my more at tresant John lasen To mathias embry write to me soon a gain to boly island South Corlinia Office lasey. 11/00 In care of falten Hant which is a good bather tous

December the 2nd, 1863

My cousin I take my pen in hand to inform you that I am well at present and I ( ) these lines may find you enjoying the same blessing. You all afear to be dead and whether you be or no I can not tell if if you are not dead you are very careless about either friends or relation and for writing you do not give a damn whether you all write or not though I might write every day which I do every two or three daysand sometimes every and to get once a month I can not it looks as though you might once in a while every three or four months and I would get a letter now and then but you all write it is all or most never. I want you to write for I won't or will not be home before or under six or seven months. I do not want to come before the last of August and perhaps by that we will be closer home and if not I do not know when I will be home.

If hear any more such reports as I have I do not expect I will come at all one more move like this heretofore takes place and I start and get in ten miles of home and I hear of it, I take a little tack and tack right back and catch the old gray goose by the hind then It will be flip flop old mother huckle backmamy dog bait it I ain't gone E. O. and I will eat somebody's for if don't I will not get no Indiana wedding cake I see you are all trying to get married because I have gone war to eat rebal and take blue pills.

Never mind my time is a-coming and I will catch some of you a-napping but all I ask of you is not to do no more for my time must be next if not, I will stay here among the rebals which to live and I would not had that to have gone of no way for I would have given 2 five dollar bills to have seen George marry if I was to home I would come and have fun I wonder if old Charles Allen (?) was there if he was I know him and Mathias and Jos. P. Hapeen (?) had plenty of fun and if had been you would had fancy (?) fun.

Just got the word yesterday and I thought I perhaps if I would write today I might get some of the cake for I know (/) has got some and I want a piece of it has to be five years old and I dare another of my cousins to get married without I am there or without I die or the rebbals feeds me too heavy then then if they will go on at such against my orders they will have to but Mathias must not marry until I come home for I intend to have all of my connections to my wedding

and tell me why in the devil if you got something good to eat all of that good 'possum, coon, rabbit, black squirrel and I heard rooster crow yesterday morning and just below here they (line covered up) deer and turkey and dem dar great big fat hogs and don't you know that I will have good times . 25 our boys was down in the woods other day and rebals got after them and they got to an intrenchment and fired on the rebals and they took the wings of the morning in retreat and they got out of intrenchment and the rebels seeing that there was not many of them and they come again. The captain seeing a gunboat which was making its way to them the captain run a little distance back give the gunboat sign and she opened fire on them and (obliterated) had to retreat for something.

Give my love to all of the friends, don't give the secess an inch but come John has no word on them.

No more at present.

John Posey to Mathias Embry.

Write to me soon again to Foley Island, South Carolina.

John Posey, Company J, Mass. 5th Regiment, in care of Captain W nnt who is a good father to us.