

Matthias Embury

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I received the 27th 1863 my
dear cousin with the great
pleasure that I take my pen
in hand to inform you that
I am well at present and I
hope when these few lines
come to hand may find you
enjoying the same blessing
and that to the Lord come to the
regiment and is hardy and
had I room to do you would
not know him he has an
excellent character of a man
Elisha Cook has got well and
able for duty but he is
not the man he used to be in
health the other Lieutenant is
Lance and is gone to the
south Carolina the hospital
Charles Newton is gone to
fight with the Virginia some

where's near to his mansion
and I not seen him since the
last of July and have not
heard of him & since the 1st of
September and he was well at
that time and I did not
and he his letter and I suppose
thought I dare it and would
not write my name I wrote a
letter to him yesterday stating
the reports from home which
I got in letters and sent by
a Colaral Soldier William
Campbell it is not well and not
my letter Samuel Graves is the
same as for my self I will
and a getting better some perfect
rowing but Chanton I think
Some times it coming continue
and in movement it will become
to be a perfect Colaral way a
bout the year I am done I see
three names oh or look a there

boys i could not see any
thing bad boys say i did not
know there was such a thing
i wonderd it there was any at
home and i thought there
surely must be good enough
i will see them if i live and
if i dont i want some body to
look at them with all th
eyes they got but its not such
them its so that pretty little
girl the girl i left be heard
me and so its all i can say i think
-let times was that thought.
leads me to not weigh a pound
as hes by when i think a boat
Christmas time i want to do a
favor for me i heard that
miss harriet turker joined the
church its a good thing i
hope she had got \$28 as i was
a going to say last when the
candle burnt out i hope she had

the grace that once delivered
me and a great of the other
old patriarchs from under
old ademicall trans gresional
Sin tel her that i trust
for an increase of her faith
and that her walks may be as
true as a duck with one eye out
and other blind - one leg broken
and the other lame who walks
desolish little and do not get far
out of the way tel i trust it
through a mis take but she
must be with a stake when she
trays or i can not hear it and
some day or other it may be
me that she wil stand before
me say Trias me Trias me
and I til it may be a big
thing yet i wil not see it
if she at home it be the
favor i wanted you do it to
bring her once more for me

words is the liberance when
said she is not worthy of
bringing it must needs be it I have
to come and do it my self
tel George and sis every thing
is lovely when the good honys
by and do not let the bank
you but raley on the reserve
and let them know that every
is lovely when you are on a
line I expect they will give
you several doubt sets but
say raley and keep them back
and not let me have been some
silence them again I will get
a fresh to have a little tooth
repa this morning and the cabinet
dried like a wheel just at
wood peckers the 3 morning
and I want to know what for
Christmas you had and where

did you take it as for our
Christmas it taken first by
going down on the Sea Shore with
battering several round after
which we came in to camp and
put away our guns and bel
in for dinner which was
beef Stake and mutton & Chow
and it was the best time
I ever had a ne good life go
blipen and a blast and then
it was sot and potatoes mixed
and apple dumms and more ut
like in to stake and ridded shirts
minus this seasond miragae in
blend of brandy and toby
can taming of grains to the gallon and
one able and a bag of tobacco
the tobacco we get every Sunday
more or less given by Captain
W. Nut we are all very well
Lutes like bar i forgot to
state i was wedded Christmas

morning for the first time
for my legs not being
pleasant we had to take
my knap sack gun and go and
stand before the captains
tent from a one hour before
day un til day light and it
a boat as cold a morning as we
have here though nothing to be
tolerated with the nettles at home
for the flies is as common here to
stay as they are in august and
now and then you might see a
Snake crawling a boat with
staken red shirts and boots
up to knees crying out horra
for J. J. Davis he he never
escapes last Sunday we was taken
down on the sea shore on a river
and a boat of officers exclusive
to them of ours rode a round as
jest as see pictured in the
new York ledger on damn great

big old horses and they
marched some times on du le
me tel i Got tired not thinking
a bout us a being on foot and
them old horses they us a round
a bout like we did them boys
last winter and again i want
u by is The reason you al dont
it you do i hardly ever get any
letters it may be that they have
gone to portras more we by my
~~in~~ stating in my letter that
we were a going there it in case
they did al ways here after
al ways direct your letter to
The place in which i mention
on the in side and then
perhaps they may come since
Em boys letter was directed there
though it came accidentally we
wheet to go away before
long where we are a going i can
not tel but you can come to write

to Foley is land, South Carolina
un til i get some where i here so
ever we are a going and then i
will tel you where to write
our wills & send Gent next
home two weeks ago last
Saturday one of the privates
Started home to day and a
man at my a billys will get
some of these days i could
have had one now but i do not
want it it is to far to go
and come and the hats by next
haul we may be claster home
and then i can come home and
not be at the time in the road
for i can not get home under
6 or 8 days travel and be as
lovely as possible oh i have
heard one thing since dark
& we got two letters to day
and it states that richard
van brys had some belly aches

at his house such a thing never
that end be fore it is according
to my orders in the other
letter alrite tel him if it is
a boy to name it after me i
not seen Eligah Cox since he
got his letters but i was told
that mother desired my letters
i had not time to go and ~~not~~ not
time to go and he and get my
letter ready go off in the morning
i have three her and one of them
wil fit invelope and i wil
send it and in the letter you
~~will~~ please a little some
bothered here and wish i could
see her now but ^{as} things
i wil see her some day i wil
write two letters one wil not
hold what i want to write no
more in this John Casey of the
at of the 40 was regiment Co G
Capt Ten Wilcom next low Tany
corner etc

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December the 27th, 1863.

My dear cousin: It is with the greatest of pleasure that I take my pen in hand to inform you that I am well at present and I hope when these few lines come to hand may find you enjoying the same blessing.

Andrew Co. H (?) *has* came to the regiment

you would not know him he has an entire appearance of a man

Elijah has got well and able for duty but he is not the man he used to be in health Thornton Conant (?) is lame and is gone ~~too often~~ for south for leaving the hospital.

Charles Newton is gone to Portsmouth Virginia somewhere I was born, Monrow and I not seen him since the last of July and have not heard of him since the 16 of September and he was well at that time and ^I did not notice in his letter and suppose thought done it and would not write any more . I wrote a letter to him yesterday stating the reports from home which I got in letters and sent it by a colored soldier William Cormorant is well () my letter. Lamont Graves is the same, as for myself I am

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