

than any the 20 1800 dear cabin it is with the greatest
pleasure that i do take my pen in hand to inform you that
i am well at present and do hope when these few lines
comes to hand may find you enjoying the same blessing we
have left Charles next to be kind a gain we have left
the Sandy shores of South Carolina and to day birds
us a in the state of Florida and we are once more on
the entire land it is a new and big thing for the
privilege of some where to go has been a boon to us
we left Foley's land on the 12 a boat noon and
landed in Jacksonville Florida on the thirteenth a boat
8 o'clock in the after noon and i was one of the first
chaps on guard and went in fast immediately landing
the country here reminds me more of home than any
state els i have seen in the south it is as level as
ever i saw the weather is in growing order peach and
cherry have put forth their bloom there is a plenty of
hogs and chickens here the hogs are a baring well and
having plenty of corn Charles next to was well but
a boat the time he left Virginia some of the boys
had the small pox and the said there was a
great danger them having it and he was left
and until the fact of was ascertained that
there is no danger we have been on an expedition
last Saturday and Sunday we ventured a boat 30
miles west on the Jacksonville to the Gainville
rail road we got a nest of hornets but did

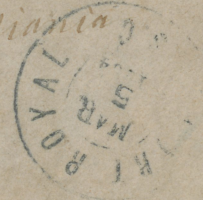
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men but when we came back we came back like
Jay and well trained men when we started we
did not want any orders to close it up but never
mind we will get be hind them some of these days
the troops are a moving back to rid them a gain
and this time we are a going to get them before us
and then we will show them how to treat us more
at Fred out write a gain some to the 55 Massachusetts

John T. Coy Comd Coy G only i can not write
any more for i am in a hurry national Em day

Harvard you need not write to any certain
place only 55 Massachusetts in care of
Capt Wm William not Comd Coy G
we have forty miles at the rail road in our
possession

Waltham Emory Bruce & Co
Knox County
Indiana

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John W. ...
General ...
St. Louis Mo
March 9 1862

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February the 2nd, 1864. Dear Cousin, it is with the greatest pleasure that I take my pen in hand to inform you that I am well at present and do hope when these few lines come to hand may find you enjoying the same blessing.

We have left Charles Newton behind again, we have left the Sandy Shores of South Carolina and today finds us in the State of Florida and we are once more in the entire land, it is a new and big thing for the privilege of somewhere to go has been a fool to us. We left Foley Island on the 12th about noon and landed in Jacksonville, Florida, on the 13th about 8 o'clock in the afternoon and I was one of the first that's on guard and went on post immediately landing.

The country here reminds to me more at home than any place else I have seen in the south. It is as level as ever I saw, the weather is in growing order, peach and cherry have put forth their bloom, there is a-plenty of hogs and chickens here, the boys are a-faring well and having plenty of fun.

Charles Newton was well but about the time he left Virginia, some of the boys had the small pox and they said there was a great danger them having it and he was left and until the fact was ascertained that there is no danger, we have been on an expedition.

Last Saturday and Sunday we ventured about 30 miles west on the Jacksonville at the Gainesville railroad we got a nest of hornets but did not stay long. We went there like old sober men but when we came back, we came back like gay and well-trained men. When we started, we did not want any orders to close up but never mind, we will get behind them some of these days. The troops are a-moving back toward them again and this time we are a-going to get them before us and then we will show them how to shoot.

No more at present, write again soon to the 55th Massachusetts, John Posey, Company ^{J.D} only. I can not write any more for I am in a hurry. Mathias Embry, Florida. You need not write to any certain place, only 55th Massachusetts, in care of Captain Williams, not Company ^{J.D}. We have forty miles of the railroad in our possession.