behave any the see 1864 that casin it is with the grants of I learner that i the take my fin in hand to in him you that i are real at the saint and to hate when these ten lines Comes to hand may find you in Joying the Same blesing in have let Charles wir for be hind a gain we have left the Saraly Shores of South lor linia and to they birds us a in the State of floridai and ne are once more on the on tire land it is a now and big thing for the Privolige of some where to go has ben a fort to us ice lebt foley is land on the 12 a bout woon and landed in Jack son wille blove die on the thirteenth a lout so that in the after now and i was one of the first chals on Juard and went in first amediatly landing the country here reminds a new more of from than any litate els i have son in the south it is as level as litate els i have son the your my jorder teach and ever i sai the weather is in growing jorder teach and thery have but with their bloom there is a l'anty of hogs and thickors here the hogs are a baring will and have ing thenty of fun Charles new ton was well but a bout the time he debt payinin some of the forgs had the Smel tooks and The Said thus ins a great danger them having it mul hi mis let and un til the best of was as cer tained that Mich is no chage we have ben on an it ter wition last Saturday and Sunday we ventured a bout 30 miles riest on the jathson wille et the gain wille rail road is got a nest of hornets but did

not Stay long me went there like old Sober men but when we came bath not came back like Jay and wel trained mor when we Started we windl we will get be hind them Some of these days the troots are a morning back to world them a gain and this time is are a gaing to get them be fire us and then we wil Show them have to that we more at tresant is like a gain Soutithe 55 masalusits John Tasing com lang of only i can not write any more for ian in a hard nathing em fry Hate only 55 masalusets in lare of tal tain William nut tomtany of is have horty miles of the tail road in orms Knox ue 3 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 $\frac{1}{2}$ rovilege of somewhere to gohas 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 toshoot.

No more at present, write again soon to the 55th Massachusetts, John Posey, Company Fonly. 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 F.D. We have forty miles of the railroad in our possession.