

Monday February 19 1853

My dear friend it is
with the greatest of pleasure that I do
take my pen in hand to inform you
that we are all well at present and I hope
when these few lines come to hand may
find you enjoying the same blessing
I do now enjoy the pleasure of my
regiment a gain and I am well satisfied
my resolution is more perfect and
as for running I have cut up a steel
and while my Captain stands I will
shoot and if I am caused to be ever
so uneasy I try to grin and have it and
stand a round to keep from running
and through the wet and through the
dry skin and elbow stained with
reble blood and if the President
General of this department go a
head the victory will be ours the
dog is to dead to skin for we are
the boys that hear no noise al though
we are far from home are we

not get in mind of the way
the tribling have treated our
friends of color and now stand
as though they had done some
great virtuous duty and deserved
to wash their faces with
powder and lead and if they
are to be hard for us we will snuff
the smoke from our muskets and
silence them if we can and if
they are to hard for us we do not
intend to be taken before that
happens we will have to set the
horror to the rear and we in
front using the wings of an
tail hawk i am very sorry this
i have wrote 6 letters and want to
know why in hel is the
reason are dead or is it just
before you are going to die why
is it that you do not write you
may make damned much of this letter
for it you do not answer this i

wil not write any more s^d iam
he and one more letter makes me
bel i have got to a past boy i
can beet ellr booker i can typr
too many for bul brags in South
carlinia for thier is none here
but i can not get a round the
nats and musketos and for as
for uncle Sams bodys they have
made us take the oath and we
are now under thier do minion remember
in nose thirkil ric and be sure that
you dis charge your duty and do not
forget me in main time hold your
fort and do not let the girls take
it for i know they are now to good
to try so as get it and take a
posiion so as to be as strong as
posible when we come home
for fear that we might raley on
them and if you can not stand
we can i want to know it rats
tails has Ironed out yet or not

or it he is dead yet in the
had it his tail has not
grown out yet they say here
that Ter Vintine is good he
should allit to the root of his
tail we have heard that Sherman
proze in a good cause when he was
a coming ^{from} town with his to take it
was whiskey sold below you must
tel moneys to be carful and not
meet it with the same if he
can help it

you must be carefull
for not an son you
no more I at present
Charles E. Weston
to Mr. W. Mathias
Embry Embry



Mr Nathias Embury

Bussrow

Knox County

Indiana

Monday, February 18, 1863.

Dear friend: It is with the greatest of pleasure that I do take my pen in hand to inform you that we are all well at present and I hope when these few lines come to hand may find you enjoying the same blessing. I now enjoy the pleasure of my regiment again and I am well satisfied my resolution is made perfect and as for running I cannot go a step and while my Captain stands I will shoot and if I am caused to be ever so uneasy I try to grin and bear it and stamp around to keep from running and through the wet and through the dry , shin and elbow stained with rebel blood and if the presiding general of this department says go ahead, the victory will be ours the dog is too dead to skin for we are the boys that fear no noise although we are far from home we are not yet in mind of the way the tribling have treated we friends of color and now stand as though they had done some great righteous duty and deserved to worshiped we will worship them with powder and lead and if they prove to be hard for us we will snuff the smoke from our muskets and silence theirs if we can and if they are too hard for us, we do not intend to be taken, before that happens we will have to let the h----- to the rear and we in front using the wings of contrail hawks .

I am very cross I have wrote 6 letters and want to know why in hell is thereason are dead or is it just before you are going to die why is it that you do not write, "You may make damned much of this letter for if you do not answer this i will not write any more. Sir, I am he and one more letter makes me hell, I have got to a fast boy (?) I can beat the () bull frogs in South Carolina for there is none here but I cannot get around the gnats and mosquitoes and far as for Uncle Sam's bullies (?) they have made us take the oath and we are now under their dominion remember in Mose Thirlkil Rie (?) and be sure that you discharge your duty and do not forget me in meantime hold your fort and do not let the girls take it for I know they are none too good to try so as get it and take a position so as to be as strong

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as possible when we come home for fear that we might rally on them and if you cannot stand up can I want to know if rat's tail has growed out yet or not or if he is dead yet in the bed if his tail has not growed out yet they say here that turpentine is good he should apply it to the root of his tail.

We have heard that Sherman froze in a good cause when he was a-coming from town with his tobacco and it was whiskeypoor fellow.

You must tell () to be careful and not meet with the same if he can help it.

You must excuse me for not answering you. No more at present.

Newton
Charles E. Merdton

To Mr. Mathias Embry