mondy below ty 19 10 with the greats of fleasure that i do Tothe my fin in hand to in farme you That we are al wel at Presant and I hold when these this times to hand very Find you an Jolying The Same pleging i'de now en joy the tileasure of my Reg ment a gain and i are rich satisfide my resolution is made they pelt and as hor running I love nut yo a Stel and while my lat Tain Sturdly i wil Showt and if i am Cansed to be ever So un easy i try to grin and have it and Stand a round To heer from runing and through the net and through the day Shin and I bow Stained with reble blood and it the fre siding Jeneral of This de l'art mentsay yo a had the victory will be ours the doy is to dead to Stein bor she are The boys that bears no noise al though ice are far from how are that

not get in mind of the may the tribling chave Wated was triends of color and now Stand as though May had done Some Frent ritions duty and diserved to washiped we wil woship them with Touches and lead and it they to be hard for us we wit soup The Southe Annows Muskets and Silence thicks if we can and it They are to hard for its sie do not in tend to be taken before that haven's we will have to lat the hourard be to the rear and we in brout using the wings of ceen tail haveks I am very i cros this i have allate 6 leters and n'ant to know shy in hel is the. reson are dead or is it fest be fore you are going to die why is it that you do not write afor make damed much at this leter ber it you do not and is This i

wil not abrile any quere Sit inm he and and more leter makes me hel i have got to a bast boy i Com beet alle booker i can type Too many for but Brags in South a cortinia for Thier is none here but i can not yet a round the nots and musticetos will for as for uncle Sams bodys they fince made us take The wath and see are now under Thier de minion Tomember in mose Thirlkil Tie and be Sure that Jon dis charge Jour duty and do not for yet me in main time full your bort and do not let the jirl's take it for i know they are und to your to they so as yet it and take a Tosition So as To be as Strong as Tosible when we come home for bear that is might raley on Thom and it you can not stand abe can i want to know it rais lail has fronted and fut or not

or it he is dead yet in the bad it his tail has not growed out Jet they Say here That Ter l'in Time is good he Should allitte the wor of his Tail we have heard that showing prope in a your lande when he was a coming Town with his to ball O it reas whiskey lorg below you must Tel mones To be carpal and not meet the with the Same if he men helf it be; Cary me for mot an Son you No mat 1 at probant charles & decolon To Map & Mathins Embry embry



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 noisealthough 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 for as for Uncle Sam's bullies (?) they have made us take the oath and owe 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 page 2

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.

Charles E. Merdton

To Mr. Mathias Embry