[To A.C. Wharton Jr. Clemmonsville, Davidson County, N.C.]

Camp. Hill. Danville
July: the 7, 1861

Dear Sir

I take the pleasure this beautiful Sabbath morning to drop you a few lines to inform you that I am enjoying good health at the presant. And I hope when you receive thoes few lines it will find you enjoying the same blessing. Dock I tell you we boys have fines times hear, I wish you and, Henry, Dunthid was hear with us, for I know you dont enjoys you selves at home. Our camp is about one mile from Danville situated in a beautiful grove, surrounded on all sides by good spring And two or three hundred yards from Dan river, whear we boys have nice sport every evening. Dock I went over to Danville yesterday evening and seen two or three horse races which look very nice. They was $25 bet on the first race which run a quarter of a mile. And on the second $100 which run a half a mile on the third $10 only run a quarter of a mile. Dock I supose you would like to know something a bout our election we have elected Mr. Hairston for our Col and Capt, Leach for first Lieutenant Col. Our election for officers has not come of yet but I think Lieutenant, Moss will be our Captain. We have elected Mr Richerson for our Maj, Ed sends his best respets to you Dock and said he is hear and that we could not do without him for he is our Clown I can say that. Ed is the liveliest one in camp. R. A. Wammock sends his best compliment to you and the Dr. Marion Eccles sends his respets you!

Doch I can't say for surtain when we have to leave hear some thinks that we have to leave shortly and others don't. We will not know untill Capt. Beach comes back from Raleigh he left heer last Wednesday he will be back some time this week. There is some sickness in our camp two or three of our boys air sick but not to say dangerous except Phillip Hanes he is very sick he has got the Typhoid fever. I understand that Frank Billings has been release this morning to go home to see his Momma and Papa they say he is going derange. Daniel Peck has been release to go home I reckonet they will start this week. We had a very nice rain last evening which was somewhat very back. Doch our fare is rough I've get a plenty of colet meat and bread and a little coffee at morning and evening I went over the river Friday and pick some blackberries and made me a pie it was the first pie I had since I left Lexington. Doch as soon as you get this letter I want you to answer me back.

Give my love to John and Sela and also to the rest of my school mats tell them howdy for me.

Direct your letter in care of Capt. Beach

Write soon

Excuse all bad spelling and ship Penman

Your Sincere Friend
B. L. Parabee.