✓ (he had been on furlough 3 or 4 weeks earlier)

Camp of 27th 30th Miss Regt
Near Shelbyville Tenn

March 12th 1863

My Dear Sister

It is with pleasure that I take my seat to write to you to let you know how I am getting so long. My health is very good with the exception of a bad cold Sallie this is two letter I have wrote to you since I arrived at camp Sallie I do hope this will find you all in good health. Sallie ask Ferde if he ever got his harness that me and Mr Renalds drove over to Montgomery I told Mr Gates to tell Mr Renald to be sure and get them, I got my pant and sock from Mr Hill yesterday also paper and envelops tell Ferde to make out my account, and if he will risk it my mail I will send it to him, We have scrimish fighting every day or two my Brigade are out on picket at this time I have not returned to duty yet you must write soon and direct to Shelbyville Tenn Co (F) 27th Mississippi no more from your

Brother James R. Riggs