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Tullahoma Manchester Tenn Mrs Mary J Jones

My dear & appectionet wife it with pleasure that I seat my self to answer your kind letter which I received this evening I was proud to her from you but sorry to her that you was sick & had the toothache I am sorry for you but I cant help it & that I could see you I could tell you more than I can put on paper that will say to you that I am well at this time I hope these few lines will find you & Jimmy is well pany John is her he is well Wm S S Parker is sick he has the Slow money he is very sick but I dont think he is dangerous that is a heap of sickness in the army pany I have got a very sore arm where I was vaccinated it was pison stuff it lis better Fanny I have any new but what you have heard I heard this evening before I got your letter that L C Jones House was burnt up I got a letter from pap J M Sparks has come back to his command it lis at Tullahoma pap wrote a letter an sent it by him he wrote one an mailed it & sent it to me he sed that the yanks had lacked two hosses from him I am sorry for him Francis you sed that you had wrote two letters & wrote & sent to me & wrote sent it one that you had got from pap you sent them to Chattanooga I wish you had got them it lis a grate satisfaction to read a letter from you & her from my sweet babe good helth & play pull &

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Francis I will fi ush my leter this morning I am
well this morning Wm is a little beter this morning
I hope he will get well soon tell mother not to bee
uneasey a bout him if she can help it francis give my
love an best respects to all the famley I wood bee
glad to see thim all this liter will for all to her
from us all wether it tis bis backed to thim or not
tell Granmah that I want to see her very bad I want
her & all the wrest to remember mee when it gose wed
with thim Francis that was a big snow her on the 30 night
of March it was a bout 2 inches deep I was on picket &
tucket all it was very cole an disagreable it snode
all knight that and now leaves on the timber her
yet nor tha ant now body planting any thing her an
it looks like tha wont bee any thing made her a tale
the yanks is taken every thing from the farmers
sutch as Negros horsen purvision clothings it tis aspect
to think a bout I hope it will come to a close soon
Francis you may by as much as you please if you think
it wood bee the best I want you to draw all you
can for if you live long an I hapto stay out her long
you will need it I have got between fifteen an 18 20 days
I dont now how much the boys a has got I want to
see your little man playing over the flower I now
it wood bee interesting to mee to see the sweet babe
good by for this time Wm R Jones M F Jones & conection