Cumberland Gap
April 21st 1863

Dear Laura

I have not heard a word from you in a long time. I wrote to father yesterday and sister the day before. I also wrote to sister when I was in Knoxville not long since. We are fixed up very well up here now. In good houses, and no duty hardly at all to do. Oh we got some meat last night the first they have had for three or four days. I don't think we will stay up there long. Genl Gracie left for Burns Station to day and is going to do his best to get us there. I don't think he approved of this move in the first place. We camped at Lees Springs some eight days. It was a splendid place to camp at. Plenty of good water & celebrate, White & Black Sulpher Springs. Our camp was at the White Sulpher

much the best water I think. Down
there we were not so lonesome & could
find some thing to do, but up here
we can find nothing to do, are
lonesome & it is the barrest place
I ever saw. It is very warm here
in the day, so warm that we go
without our coats, but at night
we can hardly get blankets enough.
We had a snow here on our trip
down to Lee's Springs from the
Gap, on the 1st of April, Later
than I ever saw frost before I
believe. The trees are perfectly bare
here yet. They look like it may
be a month yet before they are
covered with leaves. To judge
from or by the woods one would
think it the 21st of January instead
of the 21st of April. I should dislike
to live in such a country. The
infantry (four Bat's) of the Legion
are here together now Commanded
by Col. Phorington. John Fitzpatrick
was over to see us this morning.

he is getting on very well. We heard from Tom a few days since. He was getting along well Tell father I got my coat sent by Dr James — Also the letters. Why dont you write to me? Are you going to school? How do you like living in Montgomery now? What P girls go to school with you? There are hundreds of things I should like to know. Write & tell me some of them. Where is Miss M—? and what is she doing?
I hope father has received the bundle I sent by express.
When you write Direct to Cumberland Gap. We will get the letters if we are in Knoxville. My love to Sister. Carrie & all the family. Tell Carrie I should like to hear from her. what she is doing. and how she gets along at school. Goodbye

Your Affct Brother
Jno E Hall

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