I read your letter to Bolling. I told you I should read it. I soon found why you did not want me to read it. My love to all till Hines to write. I shall write him in a day or two
J. Eittal

Dick Creek Bridge
March 5th 1864

Dear Laura

A few moments ago was the happiest time almost of my life - We had dress parade & without using any persuasive arguments, but only telling the men he desired that they should reenlist Bolling called on them to step forward all that would enlist for the war - The "Glorious Old 59th" stepped forward every man except one or two over 50 years old. Oh, what a glorious sight - Every man in my company enlisted - How good I feel It almost makes me crazy - I feel like I can now live happy in the Army, though the war may last years longer - The "Glorious old 59th" glorious indeed, surpasses every thing - All the other Regts had several men to refuse - The 60th had nearly all of their non Commissioned officers reduced to ranks for not reenlisting Nothing of the sort for the "Glorious old 59th" All the officers of the Brigade Col - Moody Com'ds, & all the rest were out to see us tried - The officers of other regts were boasting that a third of our men would not reenlist - But they were disappointed I would not have missed getting

here in time for that grand occasion for any thing in the world - Oh, I tell you we cannot be whipped - Be easy The men we have come out to fight for their country - and they are determined to stick to their places and do their whole duty - "Glorious Old 59th" even deserters, who were being punished at the time of the dress parade, without any ones knowing any thing of it sent to Bolling & asked his permission to go out & reenlist of course Bolling granted it - Three were from my company. I shall make application to Genl - Longstreet - to have them pardoned - They deserve it - You will hear from the "Glorious Old 59th" this spring & summer - Some may fall, but that will not stop the rest - They will press forward wherever duty calls Such a high spirit of patriotism was never before know - 1861 was no where. Citizens may be easy if they will only help to feed the poor patriotic soldiers - They are suffering almost daily for food - and now it threatens rain, poor men, God bless you, if I could shelter you all - I would stand any storm my self - I am writing foolishly, but if you knew my feelings you would excuse me - I send a short note. Write immediately. Direct to Granville E.T. Longstreet's Army &c

Yours &c

J E Hall

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