

Morris Town Tenn
Decr 23rd 1863

Dear father

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got here - and you can imagine how I enjoy
it since so much starvation on the
road. I had from Knoxville, Wallace, Dr Dixon
& myself got a splendid breakfast this
morning. I engaged a Christmas dinner
at Mrs Morris' who is first cousin to Genl
Morrice's (of the 1st Batta) wife. I have been in the
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but it is impossible. I think I had as well
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home. I shall try to spend as pleasant a
Christmas as I can. We have been having bitter
cold weather in the past two weeks. It is now
the beginning of snow. We have had some of it
winter. When we get settled down I shall
write you what to send me. Please have one
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ready to send. I shall want no handkerchiefs
as I have some now. I understand Genl
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well in the last fight. I am so cold writing
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write. Direct to Bristol. Cromshaw's health
is splendid; mine, never better. Love to all
Write me about Jim. Goodbye

Yours &c
P. Hall



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