

Cumberland Gap, Va.
Dec - 15th 1862

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Johns has been detailed for recruiting service. If
he goes to Montgomery I shall select this letter
for him if not he shall have it put in office at
Knoxville. We reached this place yesterday about
12 o'clock. Are camp just half way up the
highest peak of the mountain. We are on
the right as you enter the Gap. You &
Crenshaw missed the place. I think we will
get along tolerable well, but the wind blows
down the mountain. It cost 13 more of our
men (by desertion) on the march here. You
came very near being missing among the
men. You I think deserted from your compa-
ny. St. Johnson, I think Johnson, Strickland
and Catst. I think they will all be caught.
The men did not like being ordered from the
Gap to Bridgeport & then right back to the
Gap. It is hard, but no patriot would do
as some of them have done. I think we can
fix up tolerable comfortable here. I shall
write again soon must close for this. Rolling
complaining a little myself well
Yours etc



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Yours &c
Jno E Hall

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