

Selma, May 31st 1862

Dear Ma

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I prefer being where I am to the camp, & think with good care, that I can gradually inure myself to the hardships, & possess to some extent an immunity against disease.

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I wish you would send me by Clayton
my black pants & Blue Cloth Coat & Comforter.
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is no news of interest.

Kiss the Children for me, & tell them
not to forget to say their prayers.

Carrie must attend to her book so that
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back. Love to all

Yrs Dear
Wm

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Si's letter & will reply to it before long.
I have a pig down here which Col Crook
sent in the place of the smallest one
that I got before which did not prove

to be a good one. I wish you would
make Hardy get Uncle [unclear] one horse
Wagon & come down [unclear] Monday
for it; tell him to bring [unclear] enough
for his Mule for 3 or 4 [unclear]
I wish you would send [unclear] fine
Coat if you have one to spare -
I have bought a brush & a [unclear]
Comb. Since writing the 1st portion
of this letter our Regiment (44th
Ma) has received orders to move
to Columbus Miss. I presume
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next week - I heard yesterday that
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