Army Tenn" Camp 46th" Regt Ala Vols"
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Sunday Evening

Dear Sister, I resume my seat to answer your of the 16th" accompanied by a box of nice Provisions We found all right as you stated in your letter It found me & found well & hearty & you may guess we soon tested the contents of it by eating a snack you sent just as much as we wanted at one time" And a little more you must have thought we needed Stimulating Smartly from the Pepper you sent" But all that & twice as much more wont make us Reenlist But I suppose you are all satisfied on that subject by this time If you are not you will be when you get the strings of it. —

Tell Pa & Mother I was more than hope of in reading a letter from their hand & how you were all getting along in the farming line of business I am also glad that the fruit is all not killed I am thinking this cold Weather has a great deal to do with this sour It is Winter here yet & likely too remain I have not seen Hiram in 2 weeks he was well then I have heard since that him & Dave are both getting along fine I will send for them to Come down & eat with us —

Sis" I rec'd" a letter from you while Lord Hirt was at home but I thought I would wait till Pom Come before I wrote you Tell Mary I rec'd" one from her but dont recollect whether I answered it or not But I am going to set in before long & write till you all become disgusted at me, I cant write to day as you may plainly see above I must write Pa & Mother one the first chance then to pest you

Sis, one thing I have neglected, yet @ reason with it, That is about my coat I write you to fix My reasons for not saying more about it, Was, I thought I would draw another one and not send for that one. But have not got one as yet, you may put the Sturps on that one the cloth you spoke of is as good as any thing & will suit as well as any, let them on below the Point of the Shoulder So the rincle of the Sleaves in bending the elbow, will not come in contact with the Stirps, And Put on the military Button off my other old coat on the new one Send it to me by Welch & I will send you all the Surplus I have & can yet I drew me @ pair of shoes, yes send me @ pr of Suspenders Tell Elizi Dutilly that I will except of that pr She was ashame to present me, I dont want yarn —,

Sis, That fellow is all on @ level about what you spoke of, If he dont, nor has not, it is simple because he is ashame of his Composition & hand writing, He has the most of his writing done, by one that want to play the same game It is all right If That girl Wants to drop that subject it is just with her She raised it and she can stop it if she wishes I am not careing anything about it myself, Tell her I am thankful of her highly favored compliment & my kindest Respects to her in return & to Molie & Mat, C, Tell Matt I know her name just as easy too, M, C, D,

Sis It is leap year and if any of my friends & associate wishes to hear from me, I would be thankful to Rec, a letter from any of them & take pleasure in replying to it, and think nothing amiss of it, It would look sociable in them,

I will write