Second Ala Hospitle
Richmond Va Sept the 20th
1862 Dear Father I seat
myself this morning to write
you a few lines which will
inform you that I am enjoying
very good health at this time
hoping these lines may find
you & all the connection & neigh
bors all enjoying the Best of health
Mr Barber is here he brought
me the Bottle of Brandy I
dont know how to express the
worth of it although I have not
drank any spirits so long
that I had got entirely weand
from it I believe this has done
me good a ready I wish I could
be with you all a few days at
least to talk with you all for
I cant explain any thing with
the pen as I would wish to do it

Betsy I also recieved your cake
that you sent me by Mr, Bustee
they were very delicious they
have no such cakes in Richmo
as these are Betsy I want to see y
& the children very bad & all the
connection but I know that
there is no chance now so I am
perfectly easy about it for it is no
use to be other wise
Betsy I sent word by Farrod for you
to make & send me a coat if you
have got the cloth I want a pock
coat strait breast 2 pocket in breast
short skirt & 2 pockets in the skirts
it is immaterial with me whether you
put the skirt pockets on the outside
or in side you need not put any
Buttons on it for I can take the
Buttons off my old uniform Coat
I put on it there is nine on it
Be sure not to have it too small at the
waist all my coats are too tight at the Bottom

Pa I recieved the letters you sent
By Burbee I was glad to hear you
were all well I could write a heap
if I had time But I am fixing to
leave the hospittle this morning to
go to the Regt with some of Capt
Brooms Company we will not leave
the city until tomorrow, but I shall
not have the chance to write after
I leave the hospittle Pa you said you
sent a bottle of Brandy By Mr
Holmon but I have not seen or
heard from him if he has got here
he has gone on to the Regt or sick
in some other hospittle Capt Taylor
started to the Regt yesterday morning
he requested me to state in my
letter that he had been to the Regis
ters office & saw on the Books where
there had been a Coffin ordered
for Wm. H. Seymour which hope would
give satisfaction about his death we
mate the loss of so good a Soldier

He said there was also Doubts of the
Death of G. W. Key, the day
Before the Reg.t got orders leave
for to go to Jacksons army
Lieut Cox Recieved a letter from
the Hospittle where Key was whic
stated that Key was dead but
I dont recollect the Date of his
Death which I hope will relieve
all Doubts the Company nor
Officers is not to Blame for no
knowing the particulars for they
had no chance to find out where
they were I will close no
more at present only I remain
yours affectionately untill Death
Fell.ᶜ D Daniell
Please send this to Betsy
as soon as possible
let Seymours & Keys frien
Know as soon a convenient