Rolla Mosoma Oct the 18 1861

Dear Wife
I received your letter last night it was
dated the 1 and mailed the 7th I was glad to
hear from you but sorry to hear that
you not well If I w[hole]t well I dont
think that I would wa[hole] I hear that
there has been a good deal of rain there
there has not been much here it has
been good weather most of the time
there been two or three rainy days here
it is not very cold weather yet I
wrote on my last letter about the
Ill boys leaving this place there caverl[hole]
got into a Sk[stain] last Sunday
morning and they killed 25 and took
24 of the Sesec Prisinors there was 31
of the boys that was wonded at the battle
of Springfield here last tusday night
they was in sight of the battle there
was one of our men killed and one
wonded so that he died our men
took 7 horses from them and several guns there was about Six hundred of the Sesec and there was only about 150 of our men this is all the knews of this kind I believe produce is very high about here I will give you the prices of some of the things Butter from 15 to 20cts milk 10 per [hole] Eggs 15 per Doz aples from 30 cts to one do[hole]ar potatoes 40 to 50 thare is lots of people peddling all the time Cheese is 15 cts per pound if you was heare with your cows you could make lots of money selling milk but I expect that you are a doing better where you are thare is several women here but it aint no [hole]lace for a deacent woman I tell [hole]ou It is a pretty [stain]h place but it is always the case where there is so many men there is always some that is wild thare was an officer of the 36 Ill died last night and he was put on the cars this morning to be sent home he was a Mason and this Regiment was took out thare the Masons was all
Dressed with their little aprons on
It was quite a sight I wish that you
could of seen them I expect that there
was more men than you ever saw at one
time they had two of the pretest flags that
I ever saw I expect th[hole]ould be
Interesting to you to know [hole]ow much we drill
we drill in the morning from half past 8
till half past 10 this is all we drill in
the forenoon in the afternoon we drill
from one till half past 2 this is
Company drill battalion Drill from
3 till half past 4 and then there is
Dress Parade this is every night nigh[hole]
it generally last[stain] 1/2 hour
you can see what we have to do we don[hole]
have to work as hard here as we do at
home but it is harder than it is
at home you was a saying that you
was afraid thast we would have to stay
the whole of our three years
It may be that we will have to stay our
time out but I dont think that we will
have to stay that long I think that we
will be at home against next spring
If I have to stay three years I will so much
will do the Best I can for my country I hear
that george bask voted the Secisionest
ticket I a[hole]pes that this not so
I want you [hole]ll me all the knews
how you get a long with your things
tell how you get along with m[stain] grates
has he made your shoes yet how does he
going along with with the waggon
[stain]Mary to be a good girl and take
[stain]care of jim and charles it apears
[stain]you are getting lots of hogs but
[stain]that [stain]worth any thing
[stain]not herd wheather that money
ha[stain] got thare or not we herd that
the man that we sent it by has got home
the boys are all well I will have to
close for this time tell the folks that
we are well and in pretty good spirts
good bye for this time rom George B Davis

To Mrs Catharine Davis write soon [“and often” is written along right margin]