

Rolla Bhelps bo Mo

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Dear Wife

I once more take my pen in hand
to write you a few lines I have received
Two letters from you since I wrote
you one the reason I have not writen
is this I have been about 10 miles
from here making shingles to
cover our houses to live in this winter
and I just got back to day we have
got our quarters about Done so near
it that we will finish them this
week and we will not get them
done any too Soo for it is a geting
Prety cold I tell you I[crossed out] we have
had very nice weather till with[stain]
a day or two it prore a concit[stain]
last night and it is prety cold to
Day we had a very good time whare
we was at work thare was plenty
of game o[stain]t thare I killed one
Turkey and helped kitch 3 Possoms

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for something else there is lots
of soldiers around here now
I saw more this morning than
I ever saw in one day before Seigels
Forse is here and Wimens and I dont
know who all I expect there is all
of 20,000 there is some talk that
Price is on his road here but I guess
that it is all tak and no cider I dont
believe that he is in the State of Mo
Wimen takes Command of this
Post to morrow morning in the
place of col Dodge Some thinks
that we will not stay here this
winter but I am in hopes that we
will after we have got all ready for
cold weather some thinks that
we will go to Contucky yet
there is no telling where we will
go I got a leter from fred two
or three Days agou he was well he
was at Fortress Monsoe but I Dont
Suppose that he is there by this time

I expect that he is at Ft
Burigard by this time he says
that they have pretty hard times there
but he seems to think that they
will have better times now Sam
seems to think that peace will be
made against Spring but it can't
be told certain I don't know whether
I will try to get a furlough
this winter or not I would like
to see you and Mary first rate
but I think maybe we will all be
at home in the Spring in time
to put in crops, this war it doesn't affect
Iowa like it Does it Does Mo the
people here have hard times
I tell you the people are all leaving
Springfield and the country around
there they say that it is impossible
for man or beast to winter there
things are all eaten up around
there I expect there is 200 families
around and Rolla this is a great
place now I tell you

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I tell E S McCarty that I
am much obliged to him for
them tickets that he sent me
It is So cold that I shant write
much this time I expect that you
have a prety tough time geathering
your corn but you will have to Do
the best you can get it all geathered
if you can I told you in my other
leter that I sent you some more
money I expect that it is thar by this
time thare is twenty one Dollars
and 75 cts for you I think that
you know what you want just as
well as any one can tell you So do
just as you please with what what
money I send you I D[crossed out] you will
get it at Leonards V Motts the
Boys are all well and im first rate
Spirits I will close for this time
I will try and write oftener then
I have for a week or two good by GB
Davis to Catharine Davis
Kiss 518ypo852