

October: 24<sup>th</sup>. 1862..

Dear father and mother I am glad that I have the Pleasure and opportunity of answering your letter that came to hand yesterday Evening it was Written the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of this month but it was mailed on the 17<sup>th</sup> at Portland

My health is improving its smart but the Doctor thinks my Complaint is such that exposure would bring it back again such as I would have to undergo at the regiment and therefore he will not send me there until I get perfectly sound

I also Received the one Dollar note and stamps you sent me all I wanted money for was to get Paper ink and stamps to write letters

it will Do me till I am paid off one of our Regiment went from the hospittle to the City the other Day and he went to the paymasters office to get his pay and the paymaster told him to hold on till the first of November and he would come to the Hospittle and pay us all for four months which will be 52 Dollars and if I can get to send you about 40 Dollars I will Do it but I won't Risk sending it in a letter I hope our Regiment will go back into Western Va

And Perhaps I will get to see you all  
again I am sorry to hear to hear of mary and  
enas having the soad throat but I hope they may  
get over it may they put their trust in god  
there is a man in my ~~town~~ Ward that says he knows  
a very good Remedy for the had soad throat  
he says take one pound of Mapol Sugar to one  
~~Pound~~ <sup>table</sup> Spoonful of pine Rod as much as you can  
get in the spoon and boil it so as to take it  
and set a piece about as large as a large Chestnut  
3 or 4 times aday he says it is the best remedy they  
could get in the part of the County  
where he lived and hardly ever failed to Cure if  
taken in time

The rule they have adopted in regard to the Salt  
is a very good one men that is only enough to  
try to break Down the Constitution is only enough  
to Die With Starvation

you need not be uneasy of me wanting for any thing  
for I get plenty to eat here and have plenty of warm  
Cloths if I want any thing I will write to you and  
if I get had sick I will let you know  
and I will get my money before long and I shant  
want for any thing then you must not be uneasy  
about me for I am getting along fine

I have not got a letter from the  
Regiment since I last saw it and  
that was the 29<sup>th</sup> of August I have wrote  
twice to them Dase John<sup>W</sup> Creakes wife know  
of his Death I expect it troubles <sup>her</sup> very much  
every thing is quiet here about Washington Except  
there is a great Deal of growling about the Presidents  
Proclamation in regard to freeing all Slaves  
after the first Day of January

I think myself he had better kept it to him  
self this hospittle is about 2 1/2 miles from the  
Suburbs of the City but about 4 miles from the  
Capitol the Presidents Dwelling is in site of us  
he moved from the City on account of them wanting  
his Dwelling for a hospittle.

I must soon close my letter as I am getting short  
of paper I hope to meet you all some Day if not  
on earth in Heaven I trust in my Creator for  
all things I know he is able to do any thing that  
we ask of him if it is onely in a right and exceptible  
manner Can you give me any account how Saml  
Deberry is getting along Write as soon as you get this  
letter and give me all the news no more at present  
But I remain your son till Death

William C. Jefferys, Amos and Elisabeth Jefferys

Direct to  
Washington D. C  
Harewood Hospittle 7th Street  
Ward 1. in care of Joseph W. Gerard  
Ward Master

When you write my name be sure  
and put the Capital E in  
the middle of the name for if  
it hante it will bother the  
Fast master at this place  
And also the Ward master in getting them

I am going to send a few lines in your  
letter to Richard and Annabede you can  
take it off and send to them in one of  
your letters when you write to them