

August 9th 1861

der Martha I take the opportunity of writing
 you a few lines to let you know that I am well at
 present hoping when you get these few lines. This may
 find you all enjoying the same blessing I receive your
 letter that you sent to Capt. Hall I was glad to hear
 from you at all times I was sorry to hear that the
 dog had killed your sheep I was glad to hear that your
 piggs was so likely you will have them in old time
 I think I am sure find that getting I shall be glad
 that I am sure you will find that I am not pleased to
 depart from horses I may come back again and
 want them we have a party that it is up some times
 we have at the same place yet keep talking about being
 going down river Washington City great lack of a fall the sun
 that I don't seem to excite us much we have cannon firing
 yesterday but not heard from them yet dice hall is better
 more walks and the mahan and son Stokes is very
 bad indeed but with while for to visit for us to come home
 for we can't get a well furnished house our Captain can't
 get one for he's self I don't think he has men over him six
 men can get furnished we will come as soon as we can
 I have as many clothes as I can take on a march at this
 time I will want some more clothes after a while I will
 visit when you get the clothes ready how to cut them
 out R. P. Gregory went to the gun today to get his box
 while he was gone a murther wagon broke the box
 it had one bucket with some potatoes Sage Salt bag bread to bake
 Great too heads cabbage peaches was spilled and spilled the
 bread most of it and the murther the murther all was good
 but then don't send me no peaches I was in hope of some
 money we was glad to get the box which a plenty
 of salt here I have not heard from John S. Ganes yet
 I would be glad to hear from him soon

farther you must get William T. to hat your letter
to Lynchburg for we cant swim we afloat in her
many thousands is flat we hope we will see
we god than if we had staid at home we must not
give you take every thing away and for i hope we
all will turn home after a while I shall turn
to all else nothing more to be at present you must
not sure as you get this I will take to see my little
Cath. Gals. John R. Green to be a good boy tel
papa gets home of B. Gregory of Martha of Gregory

If like to get the lay of eggs. That I saved
all the seeds in the box. I that many
sum only had look into for a piece of the seed
was split of

the dark to white country
more this time