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Camp near Savannah Sept 17th 1862

Dear Wife I received yours of the 7th Inst. yesterday I was very glad to hear you and the children were well I am sorry to hear of so much sickness and death there in the neighborhood we have a great many sick we have forty eight sick in our company Jonathan has been very sick with chills and fever he missed it yesterday but he is very weak and I think he will have it again to day he complains of feeling very bad this morning I record he will go to town to stay until he get better this morning Mary I want you to write to me every week do not wait for a letter from me I write to you regular every week whether I get a letter from you or not and I want you to do the same I had rather the timber had not been cleared next the lot but what done can not be helped now but I do not want the fence put any nearer the to the lot than that little open pond I do not want an other pond in the field I have plenty high land with out ponds or having to live in the field if we get in that fir wood will soon be out of reach or half days work to haul a load we have no need of getting in that situation with out we had twenty five or thirty big negroes to work for us which we never will have Tell Dick to clear more as he

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much he thinks fit but to be sure not to under
take to much and not get through with it it is
better to have little done than double the quantity half
done tell him he had better clean up and plough
seven or eight acres as he has a chance till the
weather gets cooler to split rails now it is hot and
and the timber is very tough yet if Father is at his
place send and ask him to lay off the land for
Dick if I had done my duty I would have laid
it off my self when I was at home but I did not
that I ought to have done I wanted some pen-
cil points but I forgot to get them and I
wish you would send me 3 or 4 in your next letter
put them in a little piece of thin paper so they
will not anake a limp if you do not forget
it they were in the till of my Trunk when I
com off last fall. tell your Father I will
get the steel this week if it can be had in
Savannah I will try and get you a pot if there
is such a thing in the City and I will send you
some rice if I can get any that is good. Mary have
you tried your potatoes yet if so are they ~~any~~ good
or not there is potatoes brought to our camp and
they sell to the soldiers at 25 cents pr quart which
eight-dollars pr bushel and they very sorry at that
if yours turn out well I would be glad to have
a few when it comes time to dig them have you
melons if you have eat some of them for me there is

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Dear Wife,

I received yours of the 9th yesterday. I was very glad to hear you and the children were well. I am sorry to hear of so much sickness and death there in the neighborhood. We have a great many sick. We have forty eight[sic] sick in our company. Jonathan has been very sick with chills and fever. He [illegible] it yesterday, but he is very weak and I think he will have it again to day[sic]. He complains of feeling very bad. This morning I recon he will go to town to stay until he get[s] better this morning. Mary, I want you to write to me every week. Do not wait for a letter from me. I write you regular every week wether[sic] I get a letter from you or not, and I want you to do the same. I had rather the timber had not been deadened next the lot, but what[‘s] done can not be helped now, but I do not want the fence put any nearer the to the lot than that little that little open pond. I do not want an other pond in the field, I have plenty high land with out ponds or having to live in the field. If we get in that firewood will soon be out of reach or half days work to have a load. We have no need of getting in that situation without we had twenty five or thirty big negroes to work for us, which we never will have.

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