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Camp Young January 24th 1863

Dear Mary I have seated myself again to write you a few lines to let you know that I am well except cold at this time the Regiment got back to camp yesterday morning a little before day light all in tolerable good health but they left J W Keagan in the hospital at Wilmington with a very bad rising on his left arm also Joshua Herndon with pneumonia & J M Balder at Florence S.C. he had conjestive chill he was better two days after I was on the cars nearly all the time from the 14th to the 31st of Dec I went with the company to Wilmington we left Sunday night at 8 O'clock and got there Friday evening I left there Sunday night to come back for the men clothes and a few thing to cook in and got here Tuesday night left Thursday morning at 4 O'clock to go back to Wilmington went to Kingsville S.C. remain there with the train till Sunday night 7 O'clock started back got to the camp Tuesday night 9 O'clock had nothing to eat only as I bought it from the time I left the

company will get back here the last time and we had to do without any to eat two days and nights we were at Kingsville then I went out in the country and bought some meal & meat about three miles from the place it was very cold and part of the time we could have no fire we were all day and night on the cars I have seen more of the country than I ever saw before three large cities and several small towns altogether I traveled over twelve hundred miles suffered more with cold had less sleep and eat less than I ever did in the same length of time and all for no use; that is we are back at the same place and we did nothing while we were gone I got your letter dated 20th Dec when they come back Capt Stark ^{carried it} with him he passed Kingsville while I was gone to get something to eat and he did not know that I was there I reckon I must have my mattress bed cover and sword back the sheet and tray keep I have no use for them. send the iron shoe heels and the vial oil; and carpet bag keep the things that was in it the heels and oil was in

chess box you can send them in the same box that I sent them to you in you may fill it up with potatoes I expect I could eat a few now if I had them I would like to be at home when you have your hogs killed I expect spare ribs and sausages would eat some better than blue beef that will stick to your hands equal to adhesive plaster. But as old lady Bining says we should be so thankful that we can get it; we posit may fare worse yet. I am very anxious to hear from you I mailed a letter to you when I come back last week with money in it that I got for your fathers potatoes that Ponder got there was forty dollars. in two bill I hope you got I had no chance to do any thing else with I was afraid to mail it but I did not know that I would come back soon and I thought it best to send it. I paid the freight on the box I sent you when you send it back do not pay the freight I will pay it when it comes if it is cold wether when you kill your hogs you

Send me a map of Pork if you have
a chance did you have any Pickers dug
to sell if you did I can sell them here
for four or five dollars pr bushel for
you cooked pickers brings Thirty cents
pr quart here do you need any thread now
it can be bought at seven dollars pr
bunch in the city and I think it will
be less soon. Bacon is worth seventy cts
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send me a mess of Pork if you have a chance. Did you have any pinders [peanuts] dug to sell if you did? I can sell them here for four or five dollars pr. Bushel for you, cooked pinders brings Thirty cents pr. quart here. Do you need any thread? Now it can be bought at seven dollars pr. bunch in the city, and I think it will be less soon. Bacon is worth seventy cts. Here and ninety in Wilmington, N. C. I have seen a great many fat hogs, and more salt than I ever saw before. It will be oblige to get lower there certainly is not any scarcity of it in the southern confederacy, there was between four and five thousand bushels in Kingsville on the cars waiting for transportation. Corn is worth two dollars and half in Wilmington. I am afraid bread will be hard to get before grain crops comes in. In a great many place there is not enough

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