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Camp Young March 17th 1863
Dear Father

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when he passed through is there any hope
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the Barrack or Doctor Clowrie if our regi-
ment is here do you think he ever will
be able to walk any more what has been
done with his children does any body stay
at his place How does Sally get along
can they make enough to live on. are you
going to sell your place or go back to it
at the end of the year. Its Parrish Knight
and Baxter are well John Hegans arm is very
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