

[Greeneville?] Feb. 1st, 1863

Dear Mother

I got the things you sent me [by?] Tom Turner a day or two ago, for which I am much obliged to you. Tom came on up here and brought his box with him. I don't know who to give the socks to. Every one [everyone] seems to have about enough. I don't know but that I shall have to keep them myself for I wear out socks very fast.

The Captain got a trunk full of good things by Tom, cakes, [sausages?], and a [ham?]. Several of the boys got meat and other things that Tom brought to them. We are ordered to leave for Knoxville tomorrow. We are so well fixed up here I had rather stay here a while longer. We are faring fine now. We have butter, eggs, chickens, etc., and when we go back to Knoxville we can't get such things without paying very high for them. Gen. Price passed here yesterday on his way to Richmond I suppose. I was not down to the rail road and so did not get to see him but several of the boys did see him. They say he is a large, fat, grey headed old fellow. I weighed [weighed] the other day and how much do you supposed it was? 144 with my coat on and one hundred and thirty eight with it off. So you see I have not fallen off any. I weighed [137?] pounds the Saturday before I left [home?] Charley [Charles F. Bailey] says that I [look?] almost [as?] poor in my likeness as I did when home. The reason of that is that I had to sit so far [away?] from [the?] instrument so that my gun could be taken. I don't know what is the matter with me. It looks like as if I can't write without making a mistake. Just look at the places I have crossed [since?] I began this page. Tomorrow the election comes off. The managers have been appointed and every thing is ready for it but, as we are to leave here tomorrow I don't know whether the election will be held or not. I don't think Gov. Broome [Governor James E. Broome] stands much chance with this regemint [regiment]. The votes will be mostly divided between Captains Martin [John Marshall Martin?] and Gettis [James Gettis, Company B, 7th Florida]. Capt. Martin was here the day before yesterday and made a speech. He says that he thinks the race is between Gov. Broome and himself. I am well and hope you all are so too.

Your Affectionate Son

C.O. Bailey [Cosmo O. Bailey]

When I get to Knoxville I will put stamps on my letters again.

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