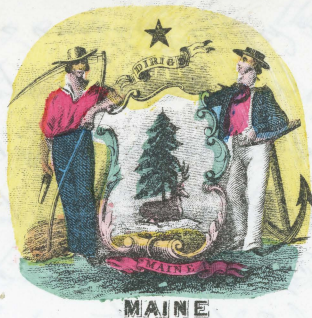




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Dear wife

I recd your kind letter dated Nov 10 was very glad to hear from you and that you are so well and heartily hope you will continue to be so. but I have been very sick but am getting nicely now went on guard yesterday for the first time for 4 weeks. I shall not do any heavy duty until I am stronger than I am now there is a plenty of light work to do about the Camp to do you spoke of that package the Major has not come yet and so have not recd it yet but wish he would come for I want the stockings very much as I have but one pair it makes it very hard about washing them and besides they are very thin and do not keep my feet warm

mass of my ownishness I shall write
I want you to remember and answer my letter of
Nov 17 as soon as you get it and if anything should
happen that you do not get it by the middle of next
week I want you to write me immediately and let
me know for it contains \$13 and I want to know
as soon as you receive it. you had better buy 60
bushels of Coak as quick as possible for if you
neglect it any length of time you cannot get it
for as soon as it comes cold every body will be buying
it and then you will have to buy wood and that
will cost a great deal more besides being a good deal
of trouble to you as you are alone. It is a beautiful
morning and it is thanksgiving day in Old Maine
Oh how I wish I was at home to take dinner with
you today I would give ten dollars in one
in one minute if I could fly I would be off
in a trice. We shall have the same Old kind
of grub bread Salt horse and Coffee. as there
is no Governor in this State there is no day set
for Thanksgiving and as for that matter it is
the damndest places on the Globe to get any
thing that is decent they charge from three to
six to a piece for Apples and other things in
proportion and the Women dont know enough

to go to bed when they are sleepy the white
women dont do any cooking it is all done by the Negroes
and dont as much as so many Packasses. Suppose you
have had Snow in Maine the weather has been very
Cold down here but it has Moderated and quite
pleasant we have not had a mite of Snow yet and dont
care if we dont see any until June when the Major
comes with that Package I will write and let you
know all about it. I have got me the best pair of boots
and Gloves that you ever saw and I felt the good of
them on Guard last night - Our ^{officers} think that we shall
quartermen here this Winter and they are fixing up here
but cannot tell anything about it we may be in
South Carolina before two Months. My Clothing
is every good except my Stockings and Shirts but I
think I shall buy me a pair of Shirts. Now little
wife dont neglect to look for 60 bushels of Coak and
if you are not able to go yourself get Lunt to go
for you for I know it will be for your own benefit
dont give yourself any uneasiness about me for I shall
get along well enough and without any trouble. if
Mrs Small comes bummig around you tell her to wait
until I get home and then I will talk with her
if she will give you five dollars for that bedstead let
her have it - for I can buy one for half the money
Give my love to all enquiring friends but dont give it
all away and rob yourself my little wife J. W. Easton