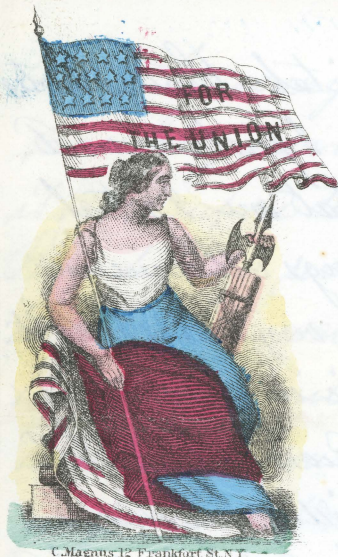




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My Dear Mary

I write you the few lines to let you know that I received your letter from the Post Office at Maryland on the 13th and your box to day. the grapes was all spoild I was very sorry for Harriet wished I would tell her wished was the ^{best} lot but as it is ^{to} more that wat I can ^{not} do dear I am sorry to here about Joseph and John Stephens was killed in that battle, just I suppose it was thier misfortune, the wounded are geting along in Hospital very fine, dear Mary do you get all my letters did you get the

that I write to. I made a mistake that I wrote
to you from Washington when I first come out
here I do not expect you got that one I got a
letter from Harriet to day things all come in
a heap I suppose so mother feels very bad about it
but dear Mary he could not die in other cause
as you say he fought for his Country Dear that
is no news to tell you just at present but dear I
have no mother to mourn my loss but I think that
makes but little difference. When I go to leave here
to my regiment I will in my last letter let you
know so you can direct them to the regiment
I can not say when that will be. it is very cold
and bad weather here for three days back you
ask about Albert. Uman being sick of it I don't
think he has sum much of the business yet he
will things is worse when he gets out here. I did
not think he would in list I gently take a
little walk every other day and yesterday I went
out and come back very feeble. I am very weak
yet from fortige dear Mary I wish I could see
you but that is a thing that can't be don but
if God spares my life I will see you with I
some time if I can get
near you

All so I am sorry that you Father can not get
some body more driving that wat John Rafter
is but I suppose he none but I wrote a letter to Mrs
Pier did she receive it. and also William H
only to think wat a grate thing writing is that
that we can write to one another. I don't know
wat to say to you do. Uncle Johnny get down thir
yet for he told me before I went away that he
was going take my Girls away from me, has he do it
but I dare not. Dear Mary I wish you would kiss
Ange Brier for me and must be a good one to Dear
Mary that is not but I am think of you and
all. And Jimmy is working to me Britons I hope
he will get a long but I think he could find
time to. Write me a few lines Dear Mary I will
write to you every Chance I get. it is to bad dear
that we are parted so far apart Tell all my Friends
that I send my Wishes of Love to them dear
I am going to in close this letter from the pen
this is the words I my love to you dear Mary
so good by till I here from you Please answer
this

From Yours Truly and for Ever
Give my Love your Mother and Father Joseph E. Legins