Lick Creek Sangamon
County February 1st 1848

Dear friend

I receved yours a few days since and was much pleased to learn that you and the friends are all well and so very well satisfied I do not begrudge you your happiness but would like a similar situation if my concerns would admit of it I made the trip safe and found my family and friends well for I was received by the people in general with every demonstration of joy the boys that was single cuts a grad flourish among the girls Several of them is married and more dead there has died since we come Colbin Randle Morris Sergt Meigs A Kent Dovid Dilman & Wilcox besides Several of the boys is down or rather under the weather those that returned well enjoy very good health I never enjoyed so good health in my life

There has been considerable
of amusement among the
young people this winter such
as Cotillion parties &c and the like
perhaps more than was ever
known to be in the same
length of time on the Creek
but have had a exceedingly pleasant
winter perhaps the mildest so
far that has ever been known
since the first Settlement of
this Country it has been for
several weeks so warm that
the wild fowls has commenced
going north and the people
think the winter is broke and
Some has commenced plowing
we had exceedingly fine crops this
last season and consequently has
attracted speculators from abroad
to come and feed on our Cheap
Corn which has caused prices to
keep up better than would when
there is a superabundance of corn in
the Country hogs was not so good
a price as was anticipated in
the fall Consequently some of
our short Sighted planters
has got smartly singed

Yours Father paid me a visit
soon after my return home and
I gave him a full history of
your tramp in Mexico up to the
date I seen you last the old
Gentleman looks very well
I have seen him occasionally since
and he was well the family is
well so far as I know the boys
has grown very much and looks
quite well please say to Mr
Stair that I have written him
three letters since I seen him
last and have never received
any from him and also that I
was in Waverly not long since and
inquired after the health of his
family and they was well and
say to Henry Spotswood that I
was in Springfield a few days since
and that his friends or at least
several of them are well and feel
concerned about him also say to
Mr. Stair that the late constitution
has made a proper smash of our
new County prospects please give
my respects to Mr. Allen Stair &
Spotswood and except the same
yourself Alfred T. Campbell

N. B. write frequently as I am always pleased to hear from the army &
ever your sincere friend and well wisher
Alfred. C. Campbell

To
T. T. Niven, King

