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Description: Civil War letter from Frederick Rogers to his mother

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By it. I will tell you the sort
of tents we live in now - they are
of linnen, of the same thickness
as cotton drilling and each man
is furnished with a piece just
6 feet square; on each edge there
is a row of holes and another of
Buttons. We button the edges of
2 together and throw them over
a pole - supported by 2 cruches

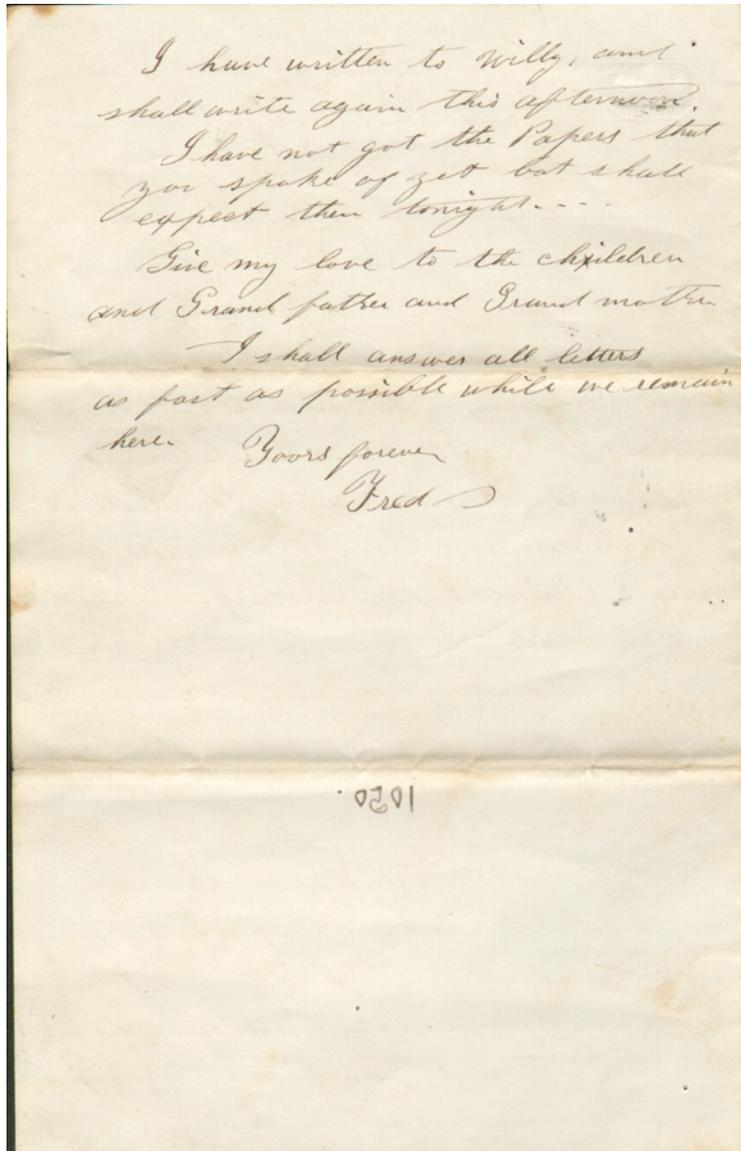
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A Hog and split him lengthways
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I have written to Willy, and
shall write again this afternoon.

I have not got the Papers that
you spoke of yet but shall
expect them tonight. . . .

Give my love to the children
and Grandfather and Grandmother.

I shall answer all letters
as fast as possible while we remain
here.

Yours forever
Fred



CATCH HIM CATCH HIM HA HA HA"

E.B. ?

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Maine

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