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Description: W.B. Adams on end of 5th Maine

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three minutes we will be all covered
when we cook have to go out into a
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we have Captured— it will be quite a

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Well it is so confounded bad that I
cannot write worth a cent so will close
for this time— write soon as you can
— and oblige your Brother

William B Adams

P.S. Tell I forgot that she was down
to Lewiston and has directed one Mon
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