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Description: Letter from Thomas Lindsey to Abial Bishop

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Absent Uncle I take this Opertunity to let you know that I am well and hope these few lines will find you the same we are encam ped on the Potomac River at a place called great Falls 12 miles from Georgetown we are doing Picket duty here our regiment has been Divided there is only one Co. here we don't expect to stay here long I expect we shall cross the river before long and then we shall have some fighting to do we have not had any snow here this winter it is warm weather here this is the place for Farming if you was out here you could get rich in five years a farming the Farmers out here are Lasy idle Fellows one smart man from Maine is worth a hundred of them one half of them don't have

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Washington with the small Pox our second Lieut was the means of his going to Washington Both of our Lieutenants have Resigned and gone home we have had two more appointed the first was our orderly Sergeant the second was from Co E We got up a petition requesting him to resign I think he will we have got 3 Sergeants and 3 Corporals from Leeds. Sergeant Barker will get his discharge I think we have been paid one payment it was 22 dollars and ten cents I am afraid to send any money home the male is so irregular Uncle our time is half out I would not advise any man to enlist there is no man that knows what we have to suffer that has not tried it we have a hard time I tell you and I have not been sick a day yet. I am so fat as a hog I weigh a hundred and sixty Geord weighs the same within a few ounces the Capt says we are the hardest boys he has got tell aunt Dorcass that my shirts wear first rate

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you let our folks know that I am well tell Georges folks that he is well Frank is sick with the Reumatism George has had the jaundise but was not sick mutch he says that he will help you in haying next summer so you need not speak for anyone else tell Charles and Alura to write to me and I will try and answer their letters if they will write give my respects to all the neighbors it is getting late and I must close good day from your nephew T.J. Lindsay to

Abial D Bishop
Direct to

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