

Absalom Smith started for
home today on a furlough
believes in Westfield.

The boys get furloughs now.
O. N. Allen is enjoying quite
good health. his wife is there
at his fathers. Maj. Seward
started for home today. I had a
letter from Cuba the other day
they are well, write soon.

Yours &c,

C. N. Jones

A. N.

Camp Nelson Taylor Co,
March 4th / 65

Respected Cousin,

I received your
kind letter & was
glad to hear from you & learn of your good
health. I am well as common the health
of the regiment is good. The day is
quite cold we had good weather most
of the time. Geo. Washington's birth
day was very stormy. The snow fell
about a foot deep. There has not been
so much snow at one time before for
12 years. we (this brigade) went
out on picket the 22nd our regiment
was stationed at the river; the Johnsons
Ribs were opposite of us on the other
side of the river. we were not allowed

to talk with them they halloed
at us & called us United States
Imps they would go through the
mangel of arms, ^{and} present arms to us,
& would liked to have talked with
them. Newsalls were exchanged
between us occasionally. they appeared
to enjoy themselves well. The pickets
are not allowed to fire at each other
Do you see that it is not bad to be on
picket a person is as safe as in camp.
We come back to camp from picket
the 23rd. The Conscripts will have
to come out now. The law or Bill is
a good one I hope that it will bring
in 100000 of men the rebellion
would soon come to a close.
we need more men & must have them
the union shall be saved & our

government be preserved
& handed down to you & my children
a more united & prosperous nation
than ever. the day is soon coming
when this government will not
know the institution of Slavery
only in its past history. The people
of the Slave States now in the union
are becoming in favor of liberating
their Slaves, in your letter you said
that you would enlist if you
thought you could stand it. I would
advise you as a friend not to come down
here you had better stay there & do
the best you can. I hope you have
had a good time this winter & enjoyed
yourself well, have you been to my
partys about there I suppose that
they are quite plenty there.