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My Dear Parents

Your Envelop with My letter reached me all right & I take great pleasure in writing again but I hope that next time I will receive one of your Autograph and not of mine. "quite a Joke on me"

I am well and as usual sincerely hope you enjoy the same Blessing. If otherwise please tell me

I have been hard at work to day making fence. The weather is some what damp it having rained some to day Things go prosperously with us but I can get no very late news from other parts

When you receive that money you perhaps will not know how I came to get so much. Eight months pay is \$116 the rest is for clothing not draw during the 2d year

They have printed copies of the Copperhead terms of peace posted here They are the sum & substance that they were 6 months ago and now we await the great Battle you have to fight If I only had eloquence & influence I would like to infuse my spirit into the breast of every man in the North or at least every man who pretends to say he is for peace & the Union 6 months ago I if I could have voted I would have voted for McClellan not knowing Pendleton but having seen extracts of his speeches where the Rebellion was in progress at the first H. V. Johnson is no worse man than he and had McClellan taken the advice of G F Train, he would have saved at least his reputation. Better it is for us that men holding high positions and professing the principles in the Chicago platform be out of rather than in the army

We as Soldiers North South East & west have done our duty for the preservation of the Union and been blessed in our effort I wish I could tell you the anxiety they all feel with regard to the coming election.

You have their sentiment in the returns of elections that have been held in the army The Battle Cry of Freedom should ring in the ears of the people of Westfield as sung by a Brig of these western boys I think they could appreciate hearing it sung "With the Spirit and with the understanding too"

The Union forever should be every mans motto. I do not need particulars to stand up for Abe Lincoln in particular but he is the only opposing candidate. The total & most complete defeat of the Copperhead Party is now to me the only salvation of the nation

perhaps I am growing eloquent but I cant see it nevertheless the more stress or emphasis you give to what I have written the more it will accord with my feelings to night

I never felt such interest in a Presidential Election as I do this time though I have "Hollered" as loud as any body and in /60 I had a heap of fun. I have since then faced the music of the Union, seen the Elephant in a variety of forms, and next Sept I hope to look upon a united country in health & strength if it please

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God. but if not I hope to be taken to himself where there is Joy & Peace for ever more

A house is one thing that I desire here another is a country or at least the hope of a country, and that a free country Politicians can talk big to you about how it will serve our nation if Divided so I will try & say something else Our train is out again foraging the country towards Stone mountain and they make short work of Poultry, Yams, & the like Some opposition is found I hear this last time

Sheridan's account of himself suits me to a dot and I Pray that all of our armies may be completely successful

Please accept these few lines and believe me

Your Affectionate Son
Charlie
Hd Qrs 20 AC
care of Chief QM

please give my love to all