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My Dear Friends at Home

with great pleasure I make the attempt to reply to your more than welcome letter or letters one of which came to hand Oct 14th bearing date Sept 14th & the other yesterday Oct 22nd the first of which must have been delayed by rebbles raids on the railroads &c & the caus of my not replying sooner is that there has been no mail sent or recd untill of late for a long time. but I will try now to answer as far as I am capable boath of your kind epistles which are so Dear to me & I am so glad to know that you all ar blessed with \_\_\_\_\_ midling good health, which I know you are thankful to enjoy. My health is little enclined to be poor at preasent but gues I will fetch up all right in a few days. My sickness was only caused in the first place by a bad coald which soon caused many savier pains & mostely in the head but I am easer to day & the Doct thinks I'll fetch up soon now so you may consider me well long before you get this so anough of this we still remain her to Atlanta but how long we shall remain here I know not it may be to days or it may be all winter. the latter I hope. we have to go a forageing quite often out some 15 or 20 m. where we get a pleanty of corn & sweet potatoes 7 fowls &c &c which goes pretty good but your letters are so full of interest better than eny thing else that you can bestow uppon me. I exopt your Gratitude for what little I have done to promote your happiness & I onely hope to live & be able to do still more. I have recd that package & all is right & verry exceptable

but as I have got my pay now you need not send eny thing else unless sent for. I was paid Oct. 12 to the amount of \$214.64 cts & left a check with the pay master to be sent to you for you to draw on eny bank to the amount of 190 leaving me 24 d 65 cts, which is no more than I need as I owed a little. & on recieving this amount I shall expect you to pay all debts & then breath free for once after which I would like to know the amount left if thare be eny &c & I hope you will not allow your selves to want for the nesserry of life while that lasts Yes Father I gues you are a getting to be quite a Jockey but you claim to have a match span now in deed I am glad of that yes I would be glad to join your society & share in those comforts of life but I will have to wate a while yet

I think you must need a barn verry much but how is the fodder have you a pleanty if not sell that which you can spair the best & what will bring the moste if it should be the team, unless some man would like to take Jimy this winter to work him for his keeping Uncle Kerby or some man that will not work him hard &c &c but pleas do just as you think best I suppose it is getting some coald thare by this time but this sheet is full

my respects to All "farewell"

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