

Lookout Valley Tennes
Camp 154th Regt New York Vols
Wendsday April 6th 1864

Dear Friend Norman

Your letter of the 27th writting at Concord came to me to day. and I one more seat myself to write hardly knowing what to say. but perhaps I will not have eny more news if I delay longer. and you know a Soldier might just as well write one time as another. for all he does to bother him most that bothers me at eny time is Lazyness and you know that will take sole posession of one while laying idle in Camp as we have been for the last few months. When I say we I do not mean the Regiment as they have had plenty to do since being in this Valley for they have fought a great Battle and have been out on Reconocences, while we Qr Mr Chaps have layed in our tents. You see Norman there is where the Beauty of the Quarter Masters Dept comes in but perhaps I had not better crow over our Dept to much for I have no doubt but that we Chaps will get enough of it yet. Our 11th & 12th Corps's are consolidated into one Corps to be called the "First" to be commanded by Generl Hooker. and that pleases us you know, for Old Fighting Joe is our Man. The day has been warm. We have had a great deal of Cold Weather Rain and one Snow Storm about 2 weeks agoe. Peach Trees have been in Blossom about Three Weeks We are still remaining in the same Camp I wrote you from last there was a Sergeant from one of the Companys appointed over me and is now Qr Mr and the beauty of this thing, I have to do his work and learn him. and you know in the Army we have no right to say our soal is our own But the Colonel called me to his Tent a few days agoe he promised me that he would make it all right within a Month by placing the Qr Mr in the line and placing me here. but I will not expect it for it is well known that I am from the wrong part of our County. But if eny such thing should happen I think I will follow in the same track you have taken and then How Are You Idaho. I hope they will get that Rail Road through our section. Frein Norm I am a little surprised to hear that you have taken up Farming. as I have no news to write this time I think I had better dry up I will try and do better next time. I am well & I hope this will find you the same. write often Norm for you know I am allways anxious to hear from you. My Folks are all well. Alice Perry is Married to Capt Chase.

Your friend

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Genrl Hookers command

Via Nashville Tenn