[on stationery with printed first page, "Army Song of the Cattaraugus Boys," by J. Byron Brown, Co. B, 154th New York]

Sept 28th 1862 Camp James M. Brown

I am well to day and every day since I came here. we got our money last wednesday the state bounty when we get any more I dont know. they said we was going get our united states bounty when pay day come we only got our state bounty which was 50 dollars I sent 40 dollars to you by George Ticknor I hope you have got it and will use it to the best advantage I heard you had got your oats and millet gathered. we leave Jamestown tomorrow the 29th I got my uniform the next day after I left home and I got my knapsack haversack and canteen. I got a letter from Phebe this morning. I should like to have had some of the folks from ruggtown smiths mills and point peter come out here but I suppose it is to late now I signed a paper whitch is to pay you 10 dollars per month whitch comes comes in form of a check whitch you sign your name on the back (about a third of the way down) then you can take it to any bank and receive the full amount these probably will be received as long as I am rendered as a Soldier in the army of the U.S. I guess I will stop so good bye

PBS Philander B. Sickler

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