

Private

Machias (?) March 26th 1863

Mr Van Aernam Dear Sir,

I thought I would trouble you again. My son has got back to his Reg. again (which is the 2nd Reg. Excelsior Brig. Co. D (?)) he claims he is not very well that his liver is enlarged, how that is I do not know only what he writes. I have no doubt but he is quite homesick and some discouraged and wants to get home. I do not believe he is very well but he may not be as bad off as he thinks he is. I do not believe that he will do the army any more good if they keep him, he thinks he has done his share of the fighting, he went into the army when he was quite young and it is not strange that he should get tired of it. I do not how far you may be from him, but I do wish you would go and see him again, and see the Surgeon of his Reg. and see if he will not discharge my son. -----scenario -----, do them any more good he might as well come home as to stay there. You know of course more about his health than I do or could if I was there. I do not know but my continual teasing will weary you but I know that you are a father, and I believe you can imagine my anxiety for my son. Now Doctor if you can do anything for my son it will be gratefully remembered by me. Please write me after you see him. I rec'd your letter in due time.

It is quite Sickly in Franklinville, there was four
buried in Cadiz(?) last Sunday., Monday, and Tuesday.
Jacob (?) Reynolds, Mrs Shearer, and two men, one by
the name of Carly(?), the other by the name of
Hitchcock so we are going ---- -----
farm for \$26 per acre, they say for old guy(?)
the judge is mad about it (my son goes by the name
of Jesse). I must now close by hoping that our
distructed Country may soon be restored to peace
and harmony again.

Yours as ever,

Herman Button