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Dear Father

Most all of the boys have gone on picket and Bob has gone out and I am alone in his tent so I thought that I would write you A few lines as you say that you have not had any letters from me for A long time but I have written every week or nearly so I have not received [sic] but two letters from home since the rade [sic] on the rail rode [sic] one of them I received [sic] from Mate at cold water on our way back and the other

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I received from you by George Bradley day before yesterday we arrived hear [sic] on Wednesday and Bob saw him downtown We do not get mail very often now but I do not see what the reason is now that we have got hear [sic] we ought to have one every day but we do not get any more than once A week you say that you soon expect to hear of some promotions in our Regament [sic] I told you what they had done when we was down below Oxford in one of my letters but I suppose you have got it the Officers of the Regament [sic] electted [sic]

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Lut [sic] Col Maltby for Col and Capt Cowen Lut [sic] Col over Major Smith and they have sent for thare [sic] Commissions but thare [sic] is A good deal of doubt hear [sic] wether [sic] the Govener [sic] will give any one [sic] elce [sic] that Commission over the Major but he may and then if he does they think that the Major will resign and then they will put in An other [sic] Major that has been thare [sic] plans as they want to get the Major out of the Regament [sic] Capt [Craven] is A very good man but he is no Military [sic] man

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We expect to get our pay now every day but shall not get but two month [sic] pay this time but they say that we shall soon get the rest I shall not be able to send any home untill [sic] we get all that is due and then I shall be able to send home about fifty dollars but it will take all of my two month pay and A little more to pay the debts that I have Contracted in the past six month [sic] I do not think that I shall owe so much in the next six month [sic] to come as I do now but

[remainder of letter is not extant]