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Dear Sister

I received yours of the (8) eighth last night just as I was returning from town I have seen Nellie every other day since she has been hear [sic] and shall go down to see her again tomorrow and it may be the last time that I shall have A chance to see her as we expect to go down the River in A day or two but it may be put off again as it was before. We received two month [sic] more pay again today but I shall not be able to send any of it home this time I am afraid that you will think that I spend A good deal more than it is nesasary [sic] for me to and so I do but it is so long since we had any thing good to eat that it seames [sic] as though we ought to have every thng [sic] nice that we

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can buy and we shall soon have to come down to hard Crackers and sow belly as we call the bacon. but if Goverment [sic] had paid us all that was our due then I could of sent home considerable. I shall be ashamed to send home for any thing that I want anymore as I have not sent the money for the shirts that you all wer [sic] so kind to send me but I shall pay it with interest one of theas [sic] days I shall send (9) nine dollars by Nel for John Rose to pay him for the watch that I got of him last spring and sold this is the first chance that I have had to pay him and I thought althaugh [sic] Father may nead [sic] the Money that he would rather have me pay that now than send the money to him I told father in my last that if Woodard would set the prise [sic] on his watch that I would keep it but as I think that you nead [sic] the money that I will sell it as soon and for as much as I can get

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for it but do not think that I can get more than (10) ten dollars for it as most of the boys do not like an open face watch on accoant [sic] of the cristle [sic] getting broke and then we are so far away from town that we cannot get an other on but I think that I can get that for it I will do the best that I can for you you probably know by this time that I did not think to much of the Wine I felt very sory to luse [sic] it but it could not be helped. I toock [sic] Nellies letter to her this morning they have not been out to camp yet as it has been so muddy that it is most imposable [sic] to get around they were going to fetch them out hear [sic] tomorrow but it is raining hard now and I do not think that they will be out. I was proud to hear such A good discription [sic] of the Baby and hope that you will soon send me its picture Nellie was laughing at us the other day

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Because neather [sic] of us asked for the Baby until [sic] she spoake [sic] of it but I think it is not to be wonderd [sic] at as neather [sic] of us was aquanted [sic] with the young gentleman onely [sic] by reputation and then she did not give us time to ask for all before she spoak [sic] about them. I expect before this reaches you that we shall be on our [way] to Vicksburg if we do start in A day or two I will write as soon as we get thare [sic]. all the things that you sent came very good to me except the gloves and thoes [sic] I do not nead as I have not worn out the first pair that Mother sent me so that I shall send them back by Nellie and if Father does not want them you can keep them for me until another Winter. and with this I will close hoping that it will find you all well I remane [sic] with much love to you I remane [sic] your loveing [sic] Brother

I will send you A copy of Logans address to his trups [sic] and see what you think of it.

George