

Camp of the 11 Regt Mass Vol
Va March 2^d 1863

Dear wife and children
I sit down to write
those few lines to you
hoping it will find you
in good health as this leaves
me in at present than I be
God for His blessing does all

I mean to inform
you that I have got the Box
and all that was in it is
Harrow and 6 Lums and
6 oranges (and few pickles)
all the Boxes that come
here this week was opened
and the liquor taken out
of them which it leaves
a very bad feeling among
the Soldiers here at
present for that is all the
can get to enjoy them

Dear wife I Hope you
will make mention of all
the ~~articles~~ things which
you have sent to me in that
Box in the enc. of this letter
and also I Hope that you
will not be uneasy about
me for with the help of God
I will get out of this Cage
for it is no credit for to be
here at present for there is
the meanest officers in Army
that could be picked out
of any nation for they are
better men or Soldiers
it is well known now to
the publick for I am hungry
if we have to go in to fight
that there will some
of them pay for robbing
Soldiers Boxes

Dear wife I hope you
will take care of
your self and the children
and not be uneasy about
for another year will not
be long going by and then
I will go to see ye and
remember me to the
children and tell Mary
she must try to write better
or get her brother Sam
give my love to Martin
and John Hugen and
all the girls. the weather
is very fine here now
this last 4 days and if
it stands so we will
be on for some point
in short time -

I have not much more
to say at present write
as soon as you get
this and let me hear if
John and Martin is working
this winter we have been
mustered in for 4 months pay
the last of the month
I suppose we will be
paid the last of this
month. Affectionately
from your affectionate
Husband Michael, Sally

Direct as this
to Michael Sally
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and be careful the direction
is so