

Jan 31/3

Massachusetts

Camp of the 11th Regt

Dear wife and
Children I sit down
with pleasure to write
those few lines to ye
hoping it will find
ye in good health as
the departure of this leave
me thanks be to God
for His Blessing us all
I rec^d letter from you
on the 27th inst. which
gives me great pleasure
to hear that ye were
all well I mean to
inform you that we
were paid 2 months pay
yesterday and we
expect to get 4 months
but we got mistaken

Dear wife This is 15-dollor
gone from. The same as
used which I hope you
will be in good health
to receive it also I
send you 5 dollors
in this letter I hope
it will arrive safe
I could send you a
little more but I expect
to get a furloe but
I fear it will be
impossible. write as
soon, as you get
this Give my love to
the children and
I am very glad that
Mary can write so well
tell her to try to write
a little larger and
in a short time will write
13 letters

Dear wife I have
not much to say now
but I hope I shall have
before long to see you all
give my love to
John and Martin
and to all the Duggan
girls
No more at present
but I remain your
truly Husband
M. Lally

January the 31, 1863
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