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Dear wife and children
 I rec^d letter from you
 yesterday which gave me
 great pleasure to hear that
 you were well and in good
 health as the departure of
 this leaves me in it presume
 thanks be to God for His
 blessing to us all. I feel
 very happy that John
 is gone to California for
 that is a better place than
^{Boz} Evans all I have to say
 I shall him it permit I
 shall from I hope he will
 have look and I hope to
 God that I will see him
 again

Dear wife I Hope that
you will forget all past
travelties and take care
of your self and the children
untill I get Home and if
God Spares me one more year
will not be long away by
and in regard of my Trouble
Althoough I am in the field
of Battle I can go to Bed and
no one to scold me or insult
my one belonging to me I
take it well as God send it
for I now there is but one
Life and there is I would
for in my times When in
Roxbury I Have done well
According to Circumstances
which I Suppose that was
my own Decision it is
All past (and gone and past)
I have come to the Edge to
under stand what to do

Dear wife I mean to
inform you that we have
no chance of moving as yet for
the Rhodes is not yet to move
further on as yet for it rained
very heavy here today and
in regard of sending of Box
but it is no use except
Steward come out with
it himself and if he does
I would send nothing by
him but one gallon of whiskey
and 4 or 5 ^{lb} of tobacco
for it is very dear here (and
what you will send will
pay the cost of the whole and
if you have many shirts
made I should like to get
two that would be enough
till I would get more
for in regard of clothing we
will get paid for what we
will not draw we are allowed

42 dollars the first year
and 30 the second and 33 the
third year -

Dear wife I have
not much more to say
at present but we expect
to be paid not well
week and as soon as
I am I will write and let
you know - Give my love to
the children (and all the girls
and Martin and John Ryan
I will conclude at present
by sending you all my
Blessings and the Blessings
of God I hope you have
your truly Husband
Michael Lally
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N. a March the 30th 1863