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Dear wife and children ^{all} this
Opportunity of writing I give thanks to
the Fathering it might find ye in
good health as this leaves me in at
present thanks be to god for his blessing
and prosperity to us all

Dear wife
I did not mean to writ this letter without
sending some money to you for the
Mayor did not come out here as yet
we expected him last week and he did
not ^{come} yet so I thought I would write
and let you know that I was in
good health and only the trouble
that is here at present I would
get to the Express office and send you
some but I hope before many days
we shall be better able to do
some thing for we have not time
just now to even wash our
shirts

Dear wife I mean to let you
that we are in the same camp
as yet we have crossed the river
but we come back again and
I suppose we will be here now
until the ground gets drier than it
is at present so that we can quit our
tents I suppose you have heard of the
blockade been broken up on the
Potomac it was broken on last
Saturday and Sunday so the Rebels
are all out of lower Virginia and
is gone back on Richmond and
when there will come a fine week
we will be on after them
for the Swooner the better before
the hot weather gets in that who
ever will be a live that he will
be home before the hot weather sets
in for it is very hard on men to march
in hot weather and have to drink
bad water there is more reports
that the Rebels is falling back
on the bottom states and there
the calculate to make a stand
I hope you wont have to follow them

Dear wife Remember me to
Mary and Marthie and Margy
and Johnny and I hope the will
good and quite and I hope that
I will see them once more with
the help of God for I would give
all that ever I sum to see them once
more before I would go in to battle
again so good by Mary and Marthie
and Little Margy till I see ye a
gain

Give best respects to Martin
and Mary and Ellen and Margaret Kegan
and Miss Fay and Husband and Family
and Andrew Lally and Family and
Also Mr. Patrick Tarskey and Family
and Michael Tarskey I hope the
are all in good health as I wish
them

I mean to conclude and
say no more at present but

Remember your Husband
Michael Lally

