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Dear wife and children I take
Opportunity of writing & few lines to
you hoping it might find you in
good health as this leaves me in at
present thank be to god for his blessing
and prosperity to us all

Dear wife

I did not mean to wait this letter without
sending some money to you for the
Major did not come out here as yet
you expected him last week and he did
not yet go 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 pitch our
tents I suppose ye 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 sooner the better before
the hot weather gets in that who
ever will be alive that he will
be home before the hot weather sets
in for tis 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 cotton states and there
they calculate to make it stand
I hope you wont have to follow them

Dear wife Remember me to
Mary and Martha and Margy
and Johnny and hope they will
do 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 have to see them once
more before I would go in to battle
again So good by Mary and Martha
and Little Margy till I see ye ag
ain

Give best respects to Martha
and Mary and Elloe and Margaret Hagan
and Miss Fey and Husband and Family
and Andrew Lally and Family and
Also Mr. Patrick Tarshay and Family
and Michael Tarshay I hope they
are all in good health as I wish
them

I main to conclude and
say no more at present but
Remember your Husband
Michael Lally

will appreciate your note
now off and will send you my
best regards and thanks for
telling me about your new home
there can never enough said
and I would add nothing else
now well I will close this at
present as we are anxious to get away
without loss of time as we have
so much to do it is really all I have

now left to do and this evening
will return to the valley but you will find
me here and make me up to you and
I will send you every news and
news and update myself with all
the things you may be doing but
you will be back before long so do not

hesitate to let me know
all the news so will always
keep you posted on all
things that interest us