

Camps of the 11 Reg^t Mass

Col of near Petersburg Va
Oct. the 17th 1864

Miss Mary Lally

Dear Daughter
I sit down with pleasure to
Ans. your note of the 13th inst
which I have received and
I am very happy to see that
you and Mother and Sister
and Brother was in good
Health as the departure of
his leaves your Father in
at present thanks be to God for
blessing to us all and Hoping
It will continue the same
I also feel Continued in mind
that I will have the good
fortune to be home in short
to enjoy ye be once more
for I think that the war
will be over this winter

Dear Daughter you made
Remark in your letter to me
If I should want for any thing
in Regard of Cloathing I am
Obliged to you for your Answer
I do not want for any but I
hope that you will take good
Care of my overcoat until I
Buy a for it in December for
there is no need of it before then
I also pain to let you know
that we are doing nothing at
present But pickets and Guard
Duty (and as for my part I have
nothing to do Except sleep and Eat
I do Believe the fighting will
be done on the Right and left of
the lines and where I am is the
Center Right opposit Petersburgh
2 small miles which we can
hear the Church Bells Ringing
every Sunday for meeting
and can not go near it

I have not much news
to relate to you at present
my health is very good thanks
be to God and the weather
is very fine here at present
the harvest is green on three
as yet and we have no rain
for some days past when
you write to Patt Cummins
one & am give my love
to mother and Barbara
and Margaret and Johnny

Send my two dollars
in the amt of this —
No more at present from
your affectionate father
Michael Lally
Good Night Mary

I send you
Back this merit
and tell Margut
that I will send
An hat present
In short time