

Camp of the 11 Regt.
Mass Vol. December the 20th 1864

Dear wife and Child,
I sit down to write those
few lines hoping it will
find you in good health
as the departure of this leaves
me in at present than to be
to God for His Blessing & us
all. I main to Inform you
that I received a letter from
you dated 12th inst which
I have got the gospital that
you sent me but I should
like to have a hope to see an
to it so as would carry it
on my neck. I main to let
you know that we did not
move the other day the order
was countermanded and I am
glad of it for the weather

is very cold here at present
and especially when the sun
would have to lay on the
west ground this last week
we have been busy building
Shanties I have my house
built and I got free in
it to night so I am all
right at present all I have
to do is to hang out the Colours
every fine day and fold them
up in the evening

I mean to let you know
that the Box did not come as
yet I sent the Receipt to the
Captains office to sety point
and did not receive it
then now the best thing
you can do is bring your
Receipt On and get the Box
Back or get pay^{for} what a
scurvillus you have but in
it I value my Coat \$7.50

and make the Balance
of your articulars up and
present the 60 with the
Bill I am sorry to lose.

It for I needed at very much
I had to Deare 22 Dollars
worth of clothing last Saturday
and if you I put my
whiskey in the Box you
must not make mention of
it put it down as Butter

Give my love to the Children
and I hope that you will
Enjoy the Christmas and not
to be unans of about me for
I will do the best I can
I did not ask for a furloe
as yet I think I will get
one after pay day and that
will not be until you
we have 4 months pay deficit
and I do believe we will
get it shortly.

I have not much more
to shew of at present
Give my respect to Father
and Sister Hoping that the
will enjoy the Caesars
and also to John Kegan
and Family and not for
getting Patrick and Mary
Kegan and Family
and Ellen and Catharine
also Hoping that I will
have the pleasure of seeing
ye all one of those days
I'll tell Johnny from me
to leave the goose for
ye and I will send
him a present for new
year No more at present
from your truly
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