

Camp of the 11 Reg<sup>t</sup> Mass  
Vol near Petersburg Va.

December the 4<sup>th</sup> 1864

Dear wife I sit down with  
pleasure to write those few  
lines to you (and children  
hoping it will find you in  
good health as the departure  
of this leaves me in at present  
thanks be to God for his blessing  
to us all

I main to Inform  
you that I got letter from  
you on the first day of ms<sup>g</sup>  
and one from Mary on the  
4 of ms<sup>g</sup> but I have not  
got the box as yet it  
must be lost or stole or  
the direction was not  
right for the Express

Have left Boston  
on the 26 it got here  
on the 2 day of this month  
I do not see what I  
can do about it for  
I am 12 miles from the  
Express office and I can  
not have camp to stay  
So long you are better  
see about it in  
Boston

And when you  
ans. this let me know  
what particulars was  
in it I have not much  
to say at present but  
I hope you wont be uneasy  
about it

Give my  
love to the children  
hoping that I will see  
you shortly

I shall keep the Receipt  
for a few days more  
and if I dont get it I  
will send it Back  
till tomorrow that  
I will try to go home  
this winter and by hire  
a sled

No more at present  
from your truly

Husband Michael  
Lally

Co C 11 Regt Mass  
Vol Washington

D. C.

Again to let  
you know that  
we (have moved)  
camp are the 29  
7 miles from the old  
place now we are  
near North Carolina  
or what they call  
the Black water  
28 miles South of  
Richmond)