

and sum little money sum times  
i Bough a pair of shoes of a young man  
at Forts Monroe for 50 Cents and sold  
them for a dollar and sum other trade  
that i made a dollar and 25 Cents in one  
day i buy sum molasses to use and it  
is very good you did not send me any  
paper or envelopes for there is plenty  
of paper and envelopes here but i cant  
get postage stamps you may send me sum  
of them now mind you have a need of money  
to make you comfortable and when i  
get my next pay i will send you more  
if God spares my life and health  
I receive a letter from Mr Davis Preacher  
the same time as i got your letter and Thomas  
Griffith is at home and i am going to visit to them  
as soon as i get time the Western is going  
on you can buy you a good Hog after a while  
and salt it down then you will have plenty  
of meat and by a barrel or two of potatoes  
and make your self comfortable i am  
going to get my picture drawn to morrow  
and i will send it home in my next  
letter i am going to town this Evening  
and have is done from your loving  
and Affectionate Husband Thomas Monroe

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My Dear Wife  
I take the pleasure in writing these  
few lines to you hoping they will find  
you and my Dear little Elie and Bella  
in good health as leaves me at present  
thanks be to God for all his tender mercies  
to inform you that i have three good shirts  
i got one New Shirt that was never washed  
it was given me by a young man that  
stays in the next tent to me when i  
can get to a City where Adams Express  
Office is will send them to you if i  
dont get them lost we are in danger  
hear day and night and will be so  
as long as we are in an Enemy Country  
Never Right was of last thursday night  
and March about twelve miles in the  
night and the start of the break  
of day and went on about ten miles  
then we as formed in line of battle and  
the Rebels throwing shells at them  
and an old Man that was Cook before  
me in this Company was struck with

a round Canon Ball on his knee  
and Shattered it all to pieces and got  
his leg and then Cut of a bout four  
inches from his body and no other was  
hurt his name was Edward Rogers  
you can tell David Kern of it  
I did not leave the Camp i am still  
Comesary and Cook and have very  
good times but i have to get up very  
early in the morning Coffee boiled before  
the Sun is up every morning but the  
water in a well within two rods  
of my Cooking fire and plenty  
of Dry wood at hand so i can start  
Fire in short notice you know that  
i am pretty good at making fire at home  
I get my clothes wash't by a malotta  
woman and done up very nice and  
i pay her in Crackers and other things  
that is going waste lumps of meat  
and so on you know there is a  
heap of waste allways in a company  
of Soldiers and the poor Darky  
has two little children and she is <sup>glad to</sup> get them

I hope you will receive that fifty  
Dollars safe and by Elie Sum Books  
and by Every thing you want praps  
you better not buy to much Coal for  
I fear that i mae Come home get  
abaxed of the best flower it is the  
cheapest at last and by good flanel  
what ever you want and wear them  
flanel shirts if you want to and do  
as you think best i cant get a pair  
till wee get in winter quarters or  
discharge if god spares my health  
and keep me out of danger for wee  
are allways in danger and allways will  
till wee leave this State of Virginia  
Please to tell David Davies and Mrs Davis  
that i am under a thousand obligations  
and thanks that he is a <sup>a friend</sup> friend to you  
in my absence but i am sore disappointed  
so long in getting awer pay i was a  
praid you would run short of money  
i was sary that i send for that Dollar  
for i can sel good deal of raskings  
that the men wont eat and get tobacco