I did want you to by a Hog and Salt it and you better had things will be very dear in the Spring and mind to take care to keep the Children warm keep plenty of fire and get them flanel and keep your Self with warm Cloths i have plenty of good Clothes and i have four dollars and half in money in my pocket for to by anny thing i want and i Can send you two of them if you want of anny mind and get your relife money and dont be backwards thay are paying relife money all over the State So good by My Dear and beloved Bella Cis Ellie and the Blue Eye Bella and God bless both you and yours is my wish your Affectionate and Loving Husband Thomas Hamer

December 10th 1862

My Dear Bella

I rite these few lines hoping thay will find you and my Dear Children enjoying good health i am midling the piles are boughering me a good deal i took a dose of Salts this morning i mait be right to well I Receive your kind and loveing letter last night and was very glad to hear that you and the little dears were well Over Reigement keapt hear last Friday morning and i have not heard from it yet i dont know where thay are gond to and i dont think thay ever will come back there are about Eighty Sick and disabled men hear left behind there are 14 men of ower Compa left hear thay are talking of Sending them to washington and them that are fit for Service will be discharged and Sent home and the others to the Hospital and i dont know what will become of me thay will Send me Sumewhere i dont Care where i would as Soon Stay as leave

But dont Cill anny more Chickins on my acaunt i will wait for you to Cill and Cook after i am there for i Shall not leave you know till i am Shure that i Come my Captain is not willing for me to leave him wee are very good friends and he Calls me his Old Pett and offizers of other Companys are very friendly with me but i dont know if the Reigt dont Come back hear that i mait Come home but i have very easy times i am acting Comesary hear now for these Hiten men i Shall know in the Cours of a week what will bee done if i Come home i Shall go to the western before anny body Shall know that i am in that part of the Country and Send a team to move you there i Shall have plenty of work there i know that is what i mean to dow if i Come home My Dear Bella i have forgiven you you know that i love you as i love my life but i was verey angry at the time but it is all over now if i was at home i Can Keep you and the Children Comfortable and happy it would bee more Comfortable and happy for me in Stead of been in the hearing of the Cannons every other day i heard them Roaring yesterday about twenty miles of Sum where on the Diruction of the river and thay are at it to day there will bee nathing to bee enquired now but fighting but i hope i Shant See but little of it if you have not Send the razor and brish by the time you will receive this letter dont Send it till i will let you know further about it I Send you a Small Tough Comb i found it in the Street in ower Camp it will dow to Come Ellis head and the little Bella let me Know if David Herm is there yet i dont want him to Know it he is to much of a Shit that i Should Send my respects to him he is not much thought of hear my Love to D Davies and Mrs Davies and family and all my enquireing friends Send to me Soon Direct Washington Samuel Cusial