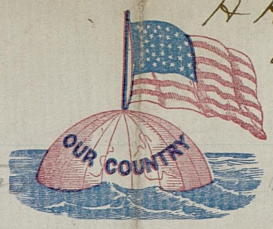
H Hutchison
Co K 22d



Washington May 22nd 1863

Dear Brother I [illegible] to
hand with me tomorow
when you write to Billy tell
him that he must not think
of going for a soldiers life is
a hard one still I am not sorry
that I have gone Give my love
to all So now good bye till
I hear from or see you again
you must not believe all the
rumors that you hear about
us Good Bye From Your Brother
Henry Hutchison

PS Excuse the pencil for I had
no Pen or ink Direct your letter
to H Hutchison Care of
Capt C M Lum Co K First
Regiment Mich Infty
Yours &c
Henry

twice & have not received an
answer yet but I will excuse
you for you are always so
busy that I did not expect
a letter from you until
about Sunday or would I
have wrote this one if it
were not that we expect to
march for Richmond [illegible]
in the morning there is
about 3000 Secessionists
there & they are making
a little to much trouble for
their own good I was talking
to Capt Lum this evening
& he says that we have got

a pretty sure thing of having a fight before the end of this week & all of the boys feel tip top over it they are getting fat & lazy here although we have plenty of work we have just come in from a drill which lasted four hours to night we have to sleep on the floor to night with our clothes all on & every thing ready to jump at a moments warning I have seen all the sights I think that there are to be seen here but still I cant help thinking that Detroit is far ahead of this town in every thing except Public Buildings so take them out & there is nothing left of Washington but a lot of old fashioned buildings there is no place like home after all but I will have to stop for I have not packed my knapsack yet & must be about it, we expect to leave here at four in the morning well I go perhaps to my grave but I will have this satisfaction that I am fighting in a good cause I go into it with a better heart than I thought I could I know to that if I fall my death will not go unavenged for we are all like brothers in one Company Give my love to my sisters & tell them to not be allarmed on my account for I have a notion that I will come out all right Give my love to all of my friends & dont forget yourself my best of friends Kiss all the children for me I know that they will think of their uncle once in a while tell Steve that I would like to have