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Dear Mother & Father

I embrace the opportunity of writing you a few lines as I feel assured you are anxious to hear from us in these distressing times. I suppose you have heard that this has become (for a time at least) the home of many a poor Tennessean. Our oppression was so great they were compelled to leave their wives and little children in order to go and prepare themselves for protecting their home. The Government is sending arms to the Union and in Tennessee a great many of the men will come here to receive their arms. That is if the Secessionist don't kill them. Some have lost their lives in getting through the mountains. We were considerably frightened last

Wednesday the news came in
that the Secessionist would attack
us in a few hours there was
great excitement among men
and women for several ^{hours} but
we were assured before night that
we were safe from them for a
while at least. They are making
up companies all over the County
Lee and brother Manning have
both volunteered and each hold
the office of order sergeant Lee
talks though of giving up his office
and going as surgeon Major

I want to be remembered to
all my Brothers & Sisters I
want them to write to me
for I think they are to what
forget me Tell Pop I
Greatly sympathize for her
for I hear that Lewis is a
disunion Major I want you
& father to come to see me this
fall yours truly Judge Lefor

on this page dear friends I will
send you my Best Love & Respects
Dear friends so that Grieve for
me for I am for my Country
if my Country has to go down
I am determined to fall in defense
if it I am going to start
tomorrow for head quarters
Receive my Dearest & Return
yours for me Tell Pop I Love
her But if Lewis is a Tory
I do not want to see him
for I feel just like shooting
every time I see any one of them
further I never have heard of
a Buchanan that was a Tory I
am sorry to hear that Lewis
is a Tory for he has got some
fine little boys that has got
some Buchanan blood in them
Read this letter in Lewis's
Presence I will be at the grave
arched white That Buchanan