

Little Rock Jan 21 1863

Dear Dick I have been waiting some time
for a letter from you but have waited
in vain Dick I would like to hear from
you very much we are having a rough time
at present it has rained & snowed all the
time I have not been on a fight yet nor
do I want to be Dick how are you and what
are you doing are you driving for today I
wish I was with you we would have a good
time of it when are you coming up here
bring Pat with you and I will return with
you bring me a bottle of the old mans wine and
a ~~lot~~ plug of tobacco bring me something
that is fit to eat for we do not get any
thing that is fit to eat we have poor beef and
bread with a little ~~sugar~~ sugar after this is
said all is said as for such times as we
have seen together dont tell the old Lady how
we are fasting it may trouble her come

up dear Dick and bring me a letter from
Ellen I have never heard from her since
I left home if you cant come write to
me and tell me something about my
people I am troubled about Ellen she
was sick and I dont know how she
know how she is this has given me
a great deal of trouble write to me
soon Dick I want to hear from
you I must close your love to all
inquiring friends waiting more from
your friend and well wisher

Ellen hand this to Dick