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**Transcription:**

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My Dear Child

I received your letter also the one from your cousin Mollie and was pleased to hear from you. I am delighted at the great improvement in your writing composition &c. and now feel satisfied that during my absence from home Alice and Mamma can correspond very frequently with me. Adj<sup>t</sup> arrived yesterday bringing my box, the cake was very nice and much relished by myself and mess. Mamma can send us good things very often now, an [and] it only takes about 24 hours to come here. I received a letter from Jim – he wants to join the Army – I will perhaps send for him some of these days —

I am very well so are the boys. they are all delighted with their new place. I think we will have it very pleasant. I send an officer and a few soldiers up with every train of cars as a guard. Adj<sup>t</sup>. Budding went to Fredericksburg this morning with Serg<sup>t</sup> Miles and two of the boys. they will be back in a few hours. Then some others will go with next train &c.

The boys think this will be the best place we have been yet. Will McClure is with his Papa and Amos Mullen in Camp almost 4 miles from here.

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Give my love to Mollie and tell her I will write very soon. Also give my love to Mamma and all the girls and love Blant a great deal for me.

Any person can come to see us now as there are two Boats every day from Washington—one is a government Boat the other carries passengers and freight not belonging to the Army.

If Mrs. Wike or Mrs. Hinkle or any body else wants to send things to the boys they can do so easily by express.

I think we will stay here some time.

Your affectionate  
Papa

**Scope and Content:**

Handwritten letter from Thomas Welsh to one of his daughters. From Acquia Creek, Virginia. Letter expresses his pleasure at receiving letters, describes camp life and satisfaction with current camp conditions, updates activities of various members of his command, and sends his love to his family.



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