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Document: *Letter from Thomas Welsh to Unidentified Child, dated November 1, 1862*

Transcript:

Waterford, Va. Nove^m 1st 1862.

My Dear little Daughter.

I have received your letter of the 18th of October with one from Mamma of the 24th. I am much relieved to know that dear-little Lillie is well again and that she can go out to play. I was very much troubled about her illness, but now that she is recovered I feel much better. I am so sorry that I could not succeed in getting home, but I will now have to wait for another opportunity.

We are now encamped at Waterford in Virginia about eight miles from the Potomac River. If any Columbians come to see us they should get off the cars at Point of Rocks (12 miles from Harpers Ferry) and then they need only cross the River in a Ferry Boat, and walk 8 miles to Waterford.

I do not know how long we will remain here, but as it is such a pleasant place I am content to remain a good while. I suppose however, that we will soon have to go [?] the South. Could not Mamma and you come to see me? Nearly all the people in this town are Quaker, they are very friendly.

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I am well, and I am now living well. I am growing fat. I have every thing comfortable, altho' George has left me. W^m Long cooks for me and an he is a good cook. I get plenty to eat. Mamma will please pay George the amt. of the order I gave him. She will also please pay to Mr. Peck \$17 for a note of Corp^l Martin. I do not know where she will get so much money – but perhaps she can borrow it until pay day. Our boys are all well. Howard just brought the mail but no letter from home in it for me. I am sorry but I suppose you are all too busy.

If you see Mr. Derrick tell him that both of his boys are well. Tell Mrs. Lockard that Jim is on guard to day and is getting as fat as a boy ought to be, he is not a bit homesick, he seems to like the life of a Soldier.

I would love much to see all of you. Kiss all the children for me. Tell Blant to be a good boy, until Papa gets home and then there will be lots of fun.

I am pleased to see that you are improving so rapidly in orthography. be a good girl.

I am out of postage stamps

From Your Affectionate Papa
Thos Welsh

Scope and Content:

Handwritten letter from Thomas Welsh to one of his daughters. From Waterford, Virginia. Letter expresses his pleasure at learning that Lillie has recovered from her illness, his disappointment at not being able to visit home, and provides some details of life in the camp. Text includes a description of the location of the town of Waterford, noting that the inhabitants are Quaker and friendly. Welsh expresses his disappointment in not hearing more from his family, but writes of missing his family very much.



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