Shyak

Camp 8th Maine Volts
Wetona Head, S.C.
Nov. 23rd, 1862

Dear Mother,

The last mail brought me a letter from home and that box containing the watches and the articles. I was very glad to get them. The cheapest one I sold as soon as I got it for $5.00. For Gracie she before the thing went for her reached here. Can rewrite that letter though. I had better send his home. Show nothing to do with sending soldiers home. If he had been able to take this trip it would be very difficult for him to take a public or discharge. He would have to get a certificate from the Surgeon of the Army, approved by the Surgeon General and the Medical Director of the Army.
Those apples were all rotten excepting one. I have as many apples as I want to eat. They are not as high as they were. The remainder of the articles arrived in good condition only the candy had melted somewhat. They flours and no account to me too thick and clumpy. If you send me anything again put in a dozen or two white cotton gloves. I should want pretty good ones such as would not tear in pulling them on. Some white cotton stockings would not be too bad to have here when it comes warm weather. And some pocket handkerchiefs would be very useful. Envelopes are scarce. A good pocket knife would be a valuable article. Such articles, I could sell for about double their cost at home if I did not want to use them myself. A good reason would be that much.
and write some to you.

Affly E.

P.S. See father that John Adair
 lieu paid me that he owed him
 viz. $11.91 and he-- Reuben Packard
 paid me $1.60. But whether Eder
 Bills ever paid me $11.60 or not
 I am unable to say. I never said
 anything to Mr. Henshaw about
 what he was owing but she told
 me that she owed father a little and
 should pay him when he got home.
 I do not think I will say anything
 to him about it.