Dear Sister,

I write a few lines in answer to your letter of 20th ult. I think you are getting to be very neglectful about writing as I find it almost impossible to get any information as to who is transferring about home. I received a letter from Mary a few days ago dated Aug 25th from that I learned that Frances Matthews, Geo. Parker and John Emmons had enlisted also Wm. Hope had voted to pray $120 bounty for nine months volunteers. It is shameful how could they get a majority to vote their infamous and
degrading conduct. I judge the people of Maine have a large amount of money that they wish to get rid of—Why don't they give it to the families of those patriotic men who entered the service without bounty, when their country first called for men? They went into the Army more than a year ago and for the war.

Our last war news is not very favorable. According to all accounts the Rebels are putting us pretty hard. The latest news is that the Rebels are in Kansas. That's a good thing. It will wake them up, I think. They will get an idea of war, which they would never do unless it was brought to their doors for they would never go where it was. There is to be a great deal of fighting yet. When we get reinforcements we will
have a show in those lines. Gen. Mitchell arrived here about a week ago. He is a fighting general and will find work for us to do without much delay. I am thinking.

We have been having a great deal of rain, weather lately. It has now rained steadily during the last two or three days. Six companies of the 8th Regt. were on picket yesterday, for ten days. I could not go—being on another detail. Member of a military commission. Wm. Bills is in Camp sick.

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Write soon and let me hear how matters are progressing about home.

F. J. L.

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