

Head Quarters Co H 10<sup>th</sup> Maine reserve<sup>nt</sup>  
Fairfax station Va January 7 1863

Dear Wife

I will write you a few lines to let you know of my health which is about the same as when I wrote last my feet and legs are very lame by spells I am in hopes when this reaches you will find you and the family well as before I have been trying ever since I come back from Leicester to get my discharge or a furlow but Col Beal would not consent to let me go my friends went to him and stated my circumstances to him and my standing in the company so instead of sending me home he presented me with a 2<sup>d</sup> Lieut commission of Co H on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the year dating back to twenty six days of September last which will help me to three hundred and fifty dollars back pay and a pay of one hundred dollars per month which I think was quite a new years present dont you I feel very thankful to him for it I entered upon the duties of that office the next day I went in to live with Capt and 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut and we get along first rate so far and hope we shall the rest of our time out and think we shall I want you to send me them shirts you made for me and two silk handkerchiefs and one more pair of good stockings and my



cloth slippers and my needle book that I had out  
in the first maine and some threal and needles and  
something to wear on my neck Mrs Emerson wants  
to send some things which she will bring down to you  
and David Stetson wants some things which they will  
bring down and I want you to pack them in as  
small a box as you can get them into to save as  
much expence as possible and send them by express  
Direct it to Capt Charles F Emerson Co 46 10<sup>th</sup> maine  
regement 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade 1<sup>st</sup> Division 12 army corps  
by way of Washington as he is better known here  
in the army than I am I think it will come  
safer than directed to me please send me two  
towels with the rest I do not think of anything more  
now that I want to send for but may as soon as  
I send this I dare say I have nothing new to  
interest you but that I am tired and sick  
of this wicked war tell the children all how do for  
father and that he wants to see them all very  
much I do not hear a word from Lyman only what  
I here from <sup>home</sup> if you know anything about him write  
me write as often as you can some of you tell  
Carabine she must excuse me for not writing  
to her before I will the first chance I have I will  
send her a present the first chance I can get out  
to get her something tell all ~~you~~ write to her  
a few days ago and suppose she has got it before  
this time tell her to write as often as she can  
tell cous Laura I received a letter from her a