

Hart Isle
Sept the 11, 1864

I thought that I would send you a few lines to let you know that I am well and hope that this may find you the same. I am here enjoying the pleasure of life and have plenty to eat *uhe*, we have plenty to eat *uhe ha*, a first straight dinner today. This is a nice place. They is about 10 weeks affair here. It is lay out in street the square is all grass. It is all covered with soldiers. Yesterday there was 1,000 men left here. There is about two thousand here now and they still come in as fast as they go out. We have good faire here, but we had hard faire to Schenectady we had hard faire.

I wrote you a letter on Friday. I had no pen when I wrote to you. I do not know whether you could read it or not. You must write. I want you to write as soon as you receive this letter. Let Jacob Walker write (Rite of) for I don't know how long I will stay here. I may go off tomorrow or I may stay here a week and may not.

I want you to write as soon as you can, I want to hear how you and the children git along. I want you to write (uch you par hive) anything about the money I left you. Must tell Male that the first year I hired the place \$20.00 it is two years ago last spring I bought it. I forgot to tell Male to pay P Hoage four dollars and seventy five cents. I want you to tell male after he has paid up my debts the rest of the money he must pay to you.

I did not git my clothes till I got here and then I did not know what to do with my old clothes. They said that if I had any friends here they would let me have them. But if they were here more the third day they would send them down south. I seen a friend from Brooklyn so I sent them with him – mine and Jakes. He will direct them to Palatine Bridge. They will go to Argusville (net so burnap)

I would write more but I must go to supper. You must write just as soon as you get this.

James L. Christman