



Camp Clay
Ashland Ky
Jan the 24 1862
Dear Father I
this day embrace
the opportunity
of informing
you that - I and

James are well in
present. Hoping those few
lines may find you and
Mother and all of the
family well we will have
to go to Paintsville or to
the mouth of Gorges Creek
to morrow or Monday there
has bin the greatest change
in the hospital there is but
one man that cant walk
a bout where they please
there was 9 men sent from
the hospital to the barricks
this morning and there is
but a bout 18 men left

in the hospital now James
and my self ha improved
very fast James has went
to the barracks at ward
I heard that they have
had a fight at Cumberland
gap in Virginia our men
gained the victory the paper
states that our men killed
Zolicofer the general of the
rebel army and took one
Lieut. Col prisoner there
was about the same number
of men killed on each
side our men took several
wagons and and horses and
mules and enough provision
to last them three days
besides other stores
the people here all seems
to be in good spirit they
think there is some hopes
for peace

I wrote you a letter
about 12 day ago and
I have not got any and
yet I would like to
hear from you all I
want you to write
as soon as you can
to me and let me know
how you are I would
like to see you all
I believe that James
and me are the best
or as well satisfied
as any other man in
Camp So no more
at present

but remain
your Son
John A Gilbert

Post Direct your
letter to

John A Gilbert
Lieut. in Capt. Scott Company
Co. I. Lindsey Regiment
the 22nd Jan Volunteer

Big Sandy