

Dear Lemuel's Alabama

July, the <sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, c<sup>t</sup>, I, 1865

Dear wife and Daughter I take  
my pen in hand to let you know  
that I am well at this time and  
I hope that these few lines will find  
you enjoying the same state of  
Health I Received your letter dated  
June the 23<sup>rd</sup> 1865 I was glad to hear  
from you as it always gives me  
much pleasure to hear from you  
I am also glad to hear that Mat  
Bickford is going to be my Cousin  
Tell Lizzy Shaper that if she dont  
hurry up that Susan will beat  
her getting married it is very warm  
here now we have but very little  
Duty to Do here as yet one day in  
a week is all I Do not know  
what they are a keeping us here  
So long for as there are three Reg-  
iments here and have all the time

All the Reason that I can  
give is that they are agethering up  
the botton that belonged to the  
So cald Confederate States and the  
officcers are making as long a  
jobb of it as they can for they  
are a making lots of money at  
it and they intend to stick here  
as long as they can we have  
musterd twice for pay but have  
got none as yet there is nearly  
four months pay a coming to  
us but we have Not Received any  
yet I Dont think that we will  
get any of our pay untill we are  
musterd out of the Service So  
morrow I suppose is the fourth  
of july But we will have little  
or none for us But I suppose  
that you will have a good one  
up there in Illinois I suppose  
that Brothers Fleming and  
Daniel are at home by this time