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My Deare I rote to you on 10th by Mr. Davis, that letter informed you of ^{our} situation at that ^{time} I have regretted writing to you so soon because an alteration took place on the 12th the Gen.^l. finding he could not reconcile us to stay ordered Gen.^l Hall to March us to Nashvill thare to be discharged by Governor Blount and if he would not, to wate thare untill we ware discharged by the President of the United States accordingly we took up the li[n]e of march on the 14th and arive heare on the 17th, now the officers has concluded that we can be discharged ~~at~~ at Fayetteville as well as any where, so Gen.^l Hall and Major Douglass started this morning to Nashville and if it can be done they are to met ^{us} this day week at Fayettevill and if not we shall march on to Nashville and how long we shall stay there is unknown, there never was a parcel of soldiers so imposed on as we have been, Col.^l Bradley and Col. Martin has contended for our writes as has also the company officers of boath reg.^{ts}. It is imposibly for me to inform you when I shall be at home if we are discharged at Fayetteville it will be on Christmas day and the ^y day afterwards if ^{at} Nashville we will git there about the 1st or 2nd of January and then we do not know how long we shall be detained--

I am something somewhat unwell quite worn down with fatigue and colds but not enough so as to keep me from my Duty or rations tell My Childrin that I am coming home to them again. you cannot immagin how anctious I am to see you and the Children and Neighbours you must manage our business to your on notion untill I return I would be glad that you would git me a pare of shoes made against I git home I cannot say anything to you about sending for me as I do not kno when I shall be discharged and am not prepared to pay the expence of Horse. Our boys are a good deal sickly Philip Sitton George Drewey Tho.^s M^cFarrin and Jas Ragon are sick and the Cap^t boy Bil is dangerous

M^r. Henry Ligon tells me his father sent me word to not forgit his
Razor Strap you can inform him that I never could think of
skining an indians back or head unless I was certain that I kild
him and as I am not certain he must [~~xxxxxx/xx~~] not calculate on it
I must conclude my letter by subscribing my self you loving

Husband
Christiana Bains

I
Sam^r. Bains

M^{rs} Sam^r. Bains

Dixons Creek

Smith County

Tennessee

M^r. Thomas Young arrive heare last evening and tels me ^{he} saw you
and the children and that you were all well I have had much satisfac-
a talking with him, he brought apare of shoes for H. Ligon which I
have got from him by giving hime another pair when we git home.
Dec^r. 18th 1813
Sam^r Bains