

Louisville Ky 10<sup>th</sup> 1864

Bro. William

I received your letter were  
very Glad to hear from you - Your  
case is not as bad as I had heard  
it was

easy about  
you I fear Country  
I am still my belief  
that Lincoln will be elected the  
State elections North have all gone  
Republican Indeed there is no chance  
earthly for McLenham I have talked  
with a large No. of men who have  
been North. Jack Caldwell has just  
got back from Europe and came through  
<sup>Canada</sup> Canada and the Northern States. He  
thinks there is no chance for Mc.

I have not heard a man say in  
the last two weeks that they thought  
there was the least chance for McLen-  
ham. You had better keep your eye  
skinned. Sleep with only one eye at  
a time and wind up as I told you

for as sure as the Sun is in the Heavens times will be much worse in this Country, I apprehend nothing but the worst. I got a letter from Flora a few days since. They are all well, Gen Burbridge is here. Just got from Virginia with a few of his Staff. his business was very urgent when he left Va. he looks very humble and ill. (Strange mood) He does not know whether he's ~~in~~ Gen B. or a Dog. Gold went up today 15 cts. It's worth 220 and will be 300 in 30 days, so think the best Judges.

I was told to-day that Your Substitute has been regularly mustered into the Service at Taylor Barracks in this City. McCarthy told me so. I think he is all right. They are worth from 11 to 12 hundred here. Yet the news is here that old Lee has whipped our army in

Va. Very badly. I fear it is so  
and that as the season gold is  
going up so much. It is strange  
that old Ragsmuffin Lee can control  
the markets in the U.S. and Europe and  
Put Wall Street <sup>N.Y.</sup> and all the banks  
in a flutter in the course of six  
hours; and stranger still no one in  
the world doubts his word or official  
Reports. That old fellow will have to  
be stopped, or he will ruin our Country  
what is left after Lincoln is done.

I have been very busy this week  
Sold a great many goods consi-  
dering the rigid embargoes on ship-  
ments. Write me every chance.  
I want to hear from you often  
if the Guerrillas come after you again  
get shot of them on the best possible  
terms but if they corner you shoot  
to the last. Give them the best

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that Powder and lead will afford.  
They are nothing but Robbers and  
outlaws and I would not nicker  
to them one Particle, if You Show  
a bold front they will fall back  
be Prudent withall, there is nothing  
further of Interest to write about

If You hear from Father or  
Alexander let me know it.  
I do not know when I will be  
(down). give my regards to all  
friends

Your Brother J. C. Gook

Give Mother and Ruf. my love  
and tell them to remember me and  
mine.

J. C. G.