

Henry County Tenn. Nov. 23rd 1862
To the Benjamin D. Buck

Dear Brother

not having heard from you for a long
time I have concluded to write you by
this morning's express. I am thinking of
some of you would care to send me
me I have but little news, we are
winning a long hear in this county
with the tide of events subject to
Military rule we have been troubled
less perhaps than you have been.
We have had a good many horses taken
from our county by the guerrillas and
we often by day are hearing of the
these ones get hurt with their cattle
Ben I have thought for some time that
you would care to send and bring my
horse if you have not traded him off
if you have him get of what ^{he paid} for you
to sell him if there is any demand
for horses in your family.
Well Stapleton would like very much
if he could get me some money I
have not made much to sell this year
and what I have things but little
money nothing but tobacco and cotton
is selling for any thing no demand for
any thing else and I have neither tobacco
nor cotton and every thing we are com-
pelled to buy we have to pay two prices
for and go to Paducah for it at that
there is nothing in our town at all

There is a good many of men that
have kin in the army coming
home and taking thee all and
say they are satisfied with ^{the} war
be are willing to live under these
~~terms~~ ~~conditions~~ ~~and~~ ~~that~~ ~~the~~
army let them as in this life
are bound to suffer this with their
men I would like for you to write
to me by Jimmy having and let me
know how you all are and what
a short trip have and whether
I shall can let me know any
money and if we are you can
~~come down~~ ~~it is~~ ~~the~~ ~~best~~ ~~thing~~
it will have to come after it is
We are all well and hope these
kind find you with the same
favor give my love and
best to all my wife and
children and send Respectfully
Yours in Christ

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