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annie we have had Some of the firest weather this fall that I lover Saw in my life tis as pleasent down here had as tis in may But when winter Dets in the Se the other way as tis always Sweet or Sower in virgina for my part I would not loave have soon they take The out of virgina for they bant take me to any worse place. My how I would like to See You and all of the family I do not think that I would know you if I was to see you I Believe that is the only desire that I that is not fulfilled that is my only desire and I hope that will Be granted to me. I received too months pay yesterday enclose a you will fince dome of it to lay away with the rest and if I an here home to use it you bean dispose of it in what lever way you think fit. There is some talk of the army making anothe move But as to the truth of the report I bannot Say But if we more you will tell of it But if I dent write for tor or thee weeks you must but Be uneasy about me for when we are en & move there is not time to to write do you need not Be alamed a if the stang haffend me you shall be as from me for I will write or get Some one to write for me. you wanted me to tell you if thales to have had got Back The has not yet returned and that is not all he hever will as long as he lean Stay away But the is hot much missed for he hever was much of a Goldier any how him and Bam hamilten ought to Be Both to gather in Some home gard Regt for they are not fit to be where gova men are wanten if I was So mindea I Could give you borne account of there Voldiery lo anduct and as for Dam hamilton he have wad in any Battle in his life for the first Battle their regt was in it run that is the reason they are not down here at the frunt the Dame as our legt is But you need not Day any thing as it is affair of ours But annie you may rest assured that your Brother will hever run U don't leave how hot the Enemis fire is I will Stand as long as any of them Direct 1 St Lension Join Brother J. H Brigade 2 and Coops Make And Mistake And write Gover I Will Close write Som

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