Washington Jan 11th /63

Dear Mother

I recieved your letter on the 9th and was glad to hear from you, it rained all Day yesterday and & all night I was not on guard so I did not care so I said let her pound who cares for nobody it is colder here to day than it was yesterday we had a big thing here New Years There was thousands at the White House to get a way at old Abes Paw we had to have a big Guard that Day, for the people made some big Reshes to see which one would see old Abe first and the boys had all they wanted to do I was not on gward New years in the day time but i was at night Mrs Lincoln give us a nice years present four big Gobblers Mrs Lincoln give the Christmas Gift not the people

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I Sent two newspapers To you did you yet them we can get the news here two or three days before you can in Mecadville I seen the fire when Ford's theater burned it was the bigest fire I ever seen I was just called for to go on Guard I was at the Campe and could see the flame it lit the City up for a mile around there was one man on capitol Hill that read a Newspaper which is a mile and a quarter or so from the fire I was down in the City Yesterday and seen where the fire was the building was Brick and was a big loss twenty thousand Dollars while in town I went to the Patent Office and got Weighed and weighed 173½ lbs When we moved from Soldiers Home and was Here a week or two

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I went to the patent Office and
got weighed and weighed 153 lbs I
weighed 156 when I left home and
sence 157 I am well at Present
and hope these few lines will
find you all enjoying the same
great Blessing we will stay here
till spring I think Mc Dowelle
and all the Boys are well
Mc Dowelle wants to know
what has became of Sam
Minium that he dont Write
to Bill Dorbins if he gets a
god Offer let her sound
for Jeff Davis will have
it yet give my love to
mother and all the rest of
the folks and tell Liz to
Write and tell Eva and George to Write
I must close so God Bless I want some
From Bob Soger W. A. Curtis silver I have not sence any 25 cts will do in small Pieces
send 25 in 30. 6 3 cents pieces

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