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Dear Mother

I received your letter and was glad to hear from you the weather has been very good here for the last week but there is some signs of a storm now Bill Glen got back last Monday night he said he was down past our house but did not see Bill or anyone else but he seen Bill Lorkin Bill said he was darn near dead You spoke about me knowing about that fifty dollars that you let Dunns have I know it now for the first time I ever heard of it to my knowledge I am sorry to hear that Granny is getting so feeble I think if you would get a bottle of Dr. Drakes Plantation Bitters they would strengthen her some of our boys have tried it and they say it is very good to strengthen and give you an appetite they are Log Cabin Bottles I think you had better try a bottle it only costs one dollar I sent you a peper I started it the day I got your letter I wish you would send a paper once in a while if you do why start it before the paper is a week old or more like all the rest was that I have got guarding the president has got to be a big thing Capt. Rennet the capt of the Presidents Cavelry guard last summer resigned he belonged to Scotts nine hundred he resigned last fall and went home and raised an Independent Company purpose to guard the President they commenced last week to do duty here they dont interfere with us any they are stationed at the gates we had to guard the gates last winter not were not put one there this so we only have 7 men on a relief where we used to have nine so that makes our duty some easier than it was last winter I think once in awhile about reinlisting but I think I will not be in any hurry at present there will be plenty of chances to reinlist after this I hope George will like well enough to stay and finish his trade can he beat my old wheel yet or cant he make one yet let him answer for him selfI have nothing more at present give my love to Grand Mother and the rest of the folks lizy and Eva and George so I must close George write soon from your son, W. A. Cutter Tell Liza I was very glad to get a letter from her but have not had time to answer it.