

Washington D.C Feb 9th /65-

Dear Brother

I received your's
of the 5th and having some
time to spare I thought I would
write you a few lines to let you
know that I am still in town
and as you say able for my
allowance, the weather is very fine
here just at Present but Day
Before Yesterday was a snorter
it commenced snowing at seven
A.M. o'clock and at half past eight
snow fell ^{three in deep} as fast as you ever
see it it kept on till after
dark when it commenced to
rain which made it quite
pleasant it started the Cutters
out next day not me. Sleigh's
the Sun was rather warm for
it Yesterday and will be to day

The Boys are all well as usual
I will see to them pictures but
not till after pay day can
they get them for none of the
Boys have any money to spare
at present and there is no telling
when we will get paid off I
wish you would send one dollar
for me with John Stalker if you see
him again if not in your next
letter, a one will be plenty Greenback
how much did you pay for your
Album and how many pictures will
it hold. there was some nice ones
bought here at auction, You spoke
about Nick getting \$3.50 a day, in
Oil City what is he working at
that is big wages for a boy
What does Bill think of you
working for Burns If they didnt
put me a head so I would learn
something or pay me more wages
I would go where I could get more

if it should be to oil City or creek
 how does Grand Mother stand
 the cold weather this winter
 I hope she and Mother can
 get around as well as they
 could before I left there was a
 big excitement here in the City last
 week ~~on~~ Tuesday at the Treasury
 Department a young Gal her name
 was Mary Harris shot a man
 by the name of Burroughs killing
 him Instantly she was arrested
 and locked up for trial Give my
 love to Mother & Grand Mother and
 Bills family I am well at Present
 I am on Guard at the Camp or ^{pract} Bar
 and it is nearly time to go on
 so I must close Write soon
 from Bold Rogers boy
 Patrick O. Ryley