

Washington, D.C.
February 9th 1865

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 P.M. oclock 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 wain whitch made it quite pleasant it started the cutters out next day not me. Sleighs the sun was rather warm for it yesterday and will be today. 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 my 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 Stalher 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 de working at that is big wages for a boy What does Bill think of you working for Dums If they didnt put me a head so I would learn something or pay me move wages I would go where I could get more if it should be to oil city of creek how does grandmother 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 Tuesday at the Treasury Department a young gal her name was Mary Harris shot a man by the name of Buroughs killing him instantly. She was arrested and locked up for trial give my love to Mother and Grandmother and Bills family I am well at present I am on guard at the camp or Barracks and it is nearly time to go on so I must close. Write soon from Bold Soger boy, Patrick O. Ryley