

[Transcribed on 2/19/2022]

you said that I had not told you
any thing about when I expected to
draw pay from the Government I
can not tell you for I do not know it
is time we had our pay now but I
do not hear of any regiments being
payed since we have been in Suffolk
Capt Sailes thinks we will get our
pay by the 10th of January you spoke
about sending me a box if you get
this before you start it send a letter
ahead of it stating what is in
it if I have any friends that think
enough of me to send me any thin
g do it up in some shape that you
can put their names on so that
I may know by whom they were all
Presented when you write again tell
me the opinion of the folks up North
about the war if they think there
is any prospects of its coming to a
close

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there is a great many different opinions
among men here some think the war
will not last three months others
think there will not be another
battle others think it will not
end until there is another
President Elected but I think
that there will have to be livelier
work than there has or the British
will settle it for us I want to
hear from you as often as I can
and from the Children you said
that Nancy had fell and hurt her

with a stick tell me how she gets
along and if the Children are
clothed so that they can go to
School you wanted me to tell
you just how my health is I
am so fat that my cheeks sticks
out more than Arvins but I
do not feal verry keen to day I
have a prety bad Coald but
I guess it will work off

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when you write to me Direct
as before I should think that
George John Arvin or some of
the rest might write to me they Can
get hours where I cannot get minits
Catharine just as soon as I can
get any money I will send it
to you I do not kno but you think
I have made a leigue with Caroline
for her to stay there and send
Calvin back and for me to save
my wages so when the war closes
I could go west and buy a lot
and have a housekeeper all ready
there but I guess I should not
like to trade I think it
is time for me to stop
From D H to C H H