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Camp of the 1st NY Dragoons
Sunday March the 6th 1864
Dear Wife I now sit down
to inform you that I am usually
well and I hope this will find
you all well I got a letter
from Caroline yesterday she said
that she was down to see you
the other day and little Esther
was sick but I hope she is well
before this time she said that Olde
Beriah Bliven was dead we have
all got to die and the main
point is to be prepared to go
at any moment for no one knows
how soon it will be their lot to
leave this world to try the realitys
of the Next Caroline wanted me
to tell her if Olde Scribner
payed me any thing on that
Note that they gave me tell her

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that I ran after him several
times and he was bound not to pay
any thing on the note he said that
Calvin Cheated him in the pay
he bought the pay for a good article
of hay and when he came to feed
it out he found that it was two
thirds weeds and when he gave
Calvin the note he tolde Calvin
that he was not worth any thing
and Could not pay any body
and that Calvin agreed to wait
untill he got able to pay and
he said that he would pay twenty

five Cents on a Dollar for what notes that he had out and that was all he would ever pay he claimed that it was another mans money that he was buying the notes with. I saw others sell him lots of notes for twenty five cents on a Dollar and I had spent time

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enough runing after him so I took twenty five Cents on a Dollar and gave him up the note tell her that if they clame any thing of me to just spit it out and they shall have their pay they tolde me that if I could get any thing on the note that I was welcom to it for they did not consider it worth any thing Calvin had tried and could not get any thing of him Catharine that money that I left with Lieut Abbott to send to you he was ordered out on pickett before he got a chance to express it he came in last night this morning he gave it to me he came to me soon after and said that he was going to Brandy Station today and he could take the money and Express it I sent twenty Dollars

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and Virn Babbett sent sum to we tolde him to put it all in one package and Express it to D H Babbitt the same as

before I hope you will get it
soon try and keep up good cheer
time is rolling on and every month
counts one towards three years and
every month counts about ten dollars
to you there is twenty six Dollars
my due now and I wish you
had twenty of it as soon as I
can get it I shall send it to
you write as soon as you get
this and if you get the money
let me know as soon as you can
when you get the money you may
send me a postage stamp in
your answer to the money
but dont send more than two
at any one time Good Day
Daniel Hall to
Catharine