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Manassas Junction

September the 14th 1863

Seeing that today is my Burth
Day and I have nothing elce to
doe I will try and write a fiew
lines to you Oh how I wish I could
spend this day in talking with you
telling you what I have seen and learned
and have passed through for the past
year I think that I could finde
enough to talk about for twelve hours
and it is so much more pleasant to
talk with a friend than it is to set
and write not knoing whether the
letter will ever finde the one that you
are writeing to or nor all though I
have no reason to complain for I guess
you have got the moste of the letters that
I have sent to you and I guess I have
got the moste of yours but writeing is
a poor way for me to convurs with
any one for a great many times I will

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set down to write and will have sumthing
very speshel that I want to write and
after the letter is all sealed I will
think of a great deal that I intended
to have written that I had forgotten
and wrote a lot of trash in its sted
this may be the only way way we ever
shall have to convurs to gather but I
hope not

Sept the 16th 1863

I read your letter last night
dated the 11th and was glad to hear
that you were all well and that you

had got the box of clothes that I
sent to you I dont want you to
sell or dispose of the first article of
Clothes that I sent to you
the Over Coat I want you to
keep nice for me and not lent it
to any one friend or foe and if you
doe not need the Dress Coat for
the boys this winter keep it for me

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and if I ever cum home it
will cum good for me for clothing
will be higher then than now
and there is no wisdom in selling
clothes in these hard times if you
save all of the clothes of mine
when I cum home if I ever doe I
shall not be oblige to go right to
buying clothes for my self and that
will be a great help toards ma
keing a living and if you have
them on hand and bad cums to
wors you can have them to clothe
the boys with another winter
you did not tell me whether you
got the pipe that I sent to Father
or not Oh I like to forgot to
tell you we have got our horses
and I Drew a great squair built
Bay Horse Charles Drew a gray
and a big one two. I feal a
great deal better now for two or
three days past I have felt a
Conciderable like my self

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but I am quite weak yet it tires

me to take care of my horse I have
to ride him a half mile to water
and he likes to go fast and we ride
slow and it is about all that I can
do to hold him in and it tires me
all most out he is none to free for
a Cavalry horse. I hope this will
find you all well

D Hall to

Mrs C H H