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New Bedford
Tennessee

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Dear Father & Mother,

I take this opportunity to write a
few lines to you I am well & I
I hope these few lines will find
you all well. it is a rainy day & I
thought I would write some I got
a letter from you day before yesterday
it was wrote June the 29. June the 30. &
mailed July the 11th. I sent my money
home the 28 of June I expect a here
from you every day now I am anxious
to hear some of the boys have heard
from home they money got home all right
you must have one hundred & fifty
dollars for me till I come home for I
want to get something to gether while I am
young for when I get old I cant & will
truly, her laughed & crowed at so much
over her children & her boys they are so
smart & giting rich & making rich
& all the best things

& I never was going to have eney
thing, but keep quite & dont say eney
thing let them wige. & keep your one
Side of the fence that is the best way. I
think, put your money to good use
& dont drink eney Whiskey for it is very
bad stuff it has made a good many
very Sick & they had to go to the hospital
in our Regiment. Father I am glad
you have got a good time & I hope you
will git over the lame back so as to
do your work I would like to be there
to helpe you first Rate. but I dont
think I will be to home much be
fore the first of September but I
hope next Month, when I come home
I would like to go to Minnibota & see
the land there for I think we could do
better there ^{than} home for ~~it is~~ part priary
land & part timber, git each of our a
farm, then we wont have eney grubs to
bother go bite on & plow ten acers
with out eney swamp hole on it.

& they say that Minnesota is a very
healthy State mild climate it being
on the west of lake Michigan, we
can go there & settle down some
where were a good place not far from
Lames, & we can keep cows & cattle
to better advantage & horses sheep hogs
you can sell your land & mine to
gether & sell the sheep hores cows every
thing but what you can keep in two
three chests put aboard of the "Cares"
~~the "Cares"~~ & wont cost a grate deal to
go in that way & then when we get
there we cant ^{by a} couple yoke of
cattle & tow cows so we will have
some thing to work with we want
to sell out this fall & go, do as to begin
work in the spring, & it would be
a good thing for Am. Osten to go
& get him a farm land will be
cant that western country is going
to be settled now very fast after the
war, & I swear you cant get in a worse

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hole then you are in now, but still
I do not like to be mooning around
a farm of one hundred & fifty acres of good
frow land then we can farm it a
better, advanced & keep old & live & enjoy
health, when I come home I will
go and see it & I can tell whether
I can live there or not as soon I
put my eye on it, ...
well I must close for this time
together I am sorry you have had so
bad luck with my sheep but it cant
be help I suppose last yere you wrote
to me that I had ten lambs that
would make me 35 \$ through out the old
year that I put in with the lambs
when I left, so then this yere they
hant had but five lambs if there
hant but 40, ...

write as you can, tell am he
Must not get flich of from that
next dire place, Mother you must
take time & write for I am anxious
here from you as you are from me,
yours Dear Parents, R. Mother
Nashville, Tenn

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