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remains to be seen. I have but little anxiety about any of the officers to be made, should I be one of the chosen ones, I shd be in suspense and undecided whether to take a commission or not. I now have but little over 11 month to stay, and shd I be mustered in as an officer, the government can hold me three years from that date. Our Calvary report to day that some of out stragglers are formed behind with their throats cut from ear to ear. I doubt not many of the citizens who had every thing burnt were so exasperated at their loss, they did it. The evenings are now getting to be light and pleasant which reminds me of my old native state, with husking, apple pearings and the merry pleas and associations of other days, but now how changed, instead of those bloodshed and suffering. How long shall this be suffered to continue. You dont know how sweet home and <u>loved</u> ones appear to me while passing through such scenes, and should my life be spared to reach my home again I think I shall appreciate it more than ever before. The Guerrillas are very troublesome indeed to our supply trains, and often shoot into them. I feel anxious to learn whether the money I sent has reached you. I sent it by our suttler Mr. Farr to Harpers Ferry to put it aboard of the Express. He went with the supply train & I have not heard from him since, but I have no fear of his honesty. We had as much as \$10000 that the officers sent by him. But I felt anxious to get rid of it for should I be wounded in battle the rebs would rob me of it. One of them robbed Col. Gardiner of a valuable gold watch his money, revolver and boots, but they have since been reco -gnized and retaken on a rebel prisoner we took. Capt. Berry was taken prisoner and carried to Winchester by the rebs, and when he heard the great tumult in the street when our forces drove the rebs he managed to step out of the house and went as far as he could and fainted he got into a house and reaped them, his wounds are not fatal. But I must close, good bye love may angels preserve you love to you & the children Your affectionate husband J. Henry Jenks