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way. I think you ought to have gone to see Mother when you had a chance to go with Emily, but you know best how you are situated. There I will try once more, to get my thoughts into some connected order, but I can't, so I will quit for a while and think of home and you, and finish this some other time. I have been looking at you and sister Ruth but wait a little while darling I will do better bye and bye.

I believe the mail leaves tomorrow, so I must finish this some way. I am glad to see you write in a more cheerfull style in your last letters. That is right. You need not give yourself any particular uneasiness about me here, any more than if I were at home, my health is excellent, and I do not see any prospect of any fighting to be done at present, at least. As to this Regt being disbanded and put into the 2nd, that can't be done, easy. The fact is, this Regt has been most meanly slandered by somebody. You have no doubt heard all sorts of stories about us, but don't you believe any stories that you hear against us. In my honest opinion this is one of the best, if not the very best Regt that ever went out of N.H. and the report that we to be disbanded created quite a storm of indignation among the men, they had no idea of submitting to any such treatment. Col. Bell went to Hilton Head for the purpose of obtaining permission to go to N.H. to set the matter before the Governour in the time light, but was told by Gen Mitchell that there was no use in going to Hilton Head for the purpose of obtaining per-

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