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Dear Brother

I take my pen in hand to write you a few lines to let you know that I am in good health & the best of spirits we arrived in Washington last night about 1/2 past ten & were marched into an empty store which is for the present our quarters last night we slept on the floor with nothing but our blankets we were served with three days rations when we arrived at Harrisburg which we are living on yet they have not given us any chance to see the City as yet this morning I was sent up to the Patent Office for the Captain it is a splendid building but I did