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Dear Mother & Father

I embrace the opportunity of writing you a few lines as I feel assured you are anxious to hear from us in these distressing times. I suppose you have heard that this has become (for a time at least) the home of many a poor Tennessean. A man's oppression was so great they were compelled to leave their wives and little children in order to go and prepare themselves for protecting their home. The Government is sending arms to the Union men in E. Tennessee a great many of the men will come here to receive their arms that is if the Secessionist don't kill them some have lost their lives in getting through the mountains. We were considerably frightened last