

Government worth all that it will
cost to maintain it Cousin does opinion
to the contrary not withstanding.
well Kate & made application for leave of
absence I thought it would be a very
good time to apply as there was nothing
particular going on and was in great
hopes that it would be granted but
when it got to General Rosecrans head
Qrs it was no go. ah how much I
would have liked to have got to
go a few days I would liked to have
visited you when Fanny was there
you said you was looking paper up
soon. but it is no use a talking.

I have had some more pictures taken
which I think are better than the others
but I have none on hand now but
perhaps I can get some of them tomorrow
before the mail goes but if I can I
will send some of them and if I don't
get them now I will send them
when I write again

I believe I have nothing more to write
at present Give my love to all, no
more at present hoping to hear from
you often I remain your cousin
A. Thomas

3 Aug. 1863

any with
I have got
some pictures
I send one for
you and you
can do as you
please
with the
rest of the
A. T.

Nashville Tenn
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My Dear Cousin
I thought this evening
that I would improve a few moments
by writing a few lines to you in answer
to your very kind letter of July 21st
which came to hand in due time
I have been thinking of writing every
day since receiving it but have put it
off from day to day. and now I don't
know that I have anything that will
be of interest to you but I will
spend a few moments in writing and
take the chances. I am in the enjoyment
of fine health as usual, indeed the
health of the troops and every body else
here is much better than I had supposed
it would be this summer but it is
very warm I almost melt down
these days and indeed the heat is
not confined to the daytime alone