

For the Star of Ganges Banner de Jinnah with
for records of all cases & must continue to work
remember the effort.

In camp on Bear Creek.

Den 16 den jany 1862

Dear Brother Hiram.

By the blessing of a
gracious God I am yet enjoying good
health, and hope that these few lines
may find you and father and mother in
in the same condition. We are yet at
the same place from where I wrote my last
letter, we have now to day finished the
last of three railroad bridges probably
from 2 to 500 feet in length. I have
worked 11 days in succession, including
2 Sundays. It doesn't like it but such
appears to be military necessity; a quite a
number of troops are moving East on
this Memphis and Charleston Railroad, the
whole of Buell's force, consisting of 3 div.
Nelson, Mc. Cook and Wood. 4 comp. 5
of our reg. have already gone on to Columbia
to build a bridge there, and we shall probably follow