

Nashville Ten 3 den April 1862

Dear Brother Hiram

to day I take up my pen to write under circumstances diferent from any I have written under heretofore; I cannot say that I am enjoying good health at present, nor am I very sick, on Saturday last I was taken down with the dysentery, which seized me so violent that I was confined to my tent for two or three days, and so weakened me that I was hardly able to walk a mile, but now the dysentery is stopped and I am recovering slowly, the night before last we received orders to have two days rations cooked up, considering that preparatory to marching; writings were got up in the diferent companies, and signed by most of the members the papers stated that we wanted justice done, and that we did not intend to leave the ground untill we should get an hearing, the papers in our company were signed by 80 members, and handed to lieutenant Williams or to be handed to the col. which was done, and yesterday morning our company was called out to fall in, and those who refused to obey orders were to ~~stay~~ step two paces forward and so the whole company stepped up with the exception of a few, then Williamson went of, and on coming back said, that the general said that in case we refused