

me a detailed account of my trip. By the way
I have been turned so completely upside down
that I have not had time to answer half of
your letters but when we get back to Romney Jan 17
I promise you seven a week to make up
for lost time. How is Peter Patton? This
will move down to the ^{my} ^{Sister} expect Jackson's boys
he will keep his ^{headquarters} ^{note} to you from
The Cross Roads & for fear you would not get
I will write a few lines today to let you
know my whereabouts. We left the Cross Roads
that day after I wrote & took the road to Romney
marched 10 miles & halted for the night without
tents but Cap Gardner gave me the Quarter-
master's tent, which I slept in that night
I was glad to get it as it commenced
snowing soon after I got to sleep, the next
morning the snow was about 2 inches deep
we were freezing around the fires, when
an order came from the General to the
to go on to Romney with his baggage
as fast as possible (a distance of 26 miles)
got ahead of the army, marched 21
miles to a small place called Frenchburg
rather what once was called Hamletburg
a day or so previous the Yankees had
burnt every house in the town) where we
intended to have encamped but the
it but as it was snowing very hard &

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no horse to go into, we marched on within
four miles of Romney to an old half burnt
house where we staid until the next
morning, when we marched into Romney
the first infantry troops that got to the place
so it may be said that the P H V's cap-
tured Romney, We now have a very
comfortable house near headquarters. This
place is one of the dirtiest holes any man
came into, the Yankees have destroyed all the
fences around the place & ruined every thing,
they certainly got one scare when they
left here as they did not pretend to take
any thing with them, We now see old Jack's
plan in going to Bath, he tore down the
bridge across the river there, then started
for this place, the Yankees hearing of his
coming went out in double quick time to
march the bridge but no bridge was there
& no bridge on the Potomac near here ex-
cept the chain bridge, The Yankees can get
away but all their stores baggage &c must
fall into our hands as they have no means
to get them across the river. When I once
get when I can write with any ease I will