

Winchester Feb 11th /62

Dear Sister

I received your letter of the 6th this morning & though I wrote day before yesterday I will write again today.

We are still at our old house & very probably will be here untill spring or at least what of us are left as almost all of the company are at home some or each few days others who have recruited for two years, nearly the whole of this army have recruited they go off by hundreds every day. You say Uncle James has gone to Texas, did any one go with him?

Every one thinks here that if the Vol recruited we can put this war through in the spring, I never saw such enthusiasm it beats the fool of the war, certainly every thing is in favour of the south now England & France are siding with our southern who shall first recognize us first, I think they will undoubtedly do so before long.

placing the Volunteers on the draft with the Militia unless they recruit for the war, but not many will be placed there as all seemed determined to recruit.

If we only can get out a big one in the spring we can win the thing at the Volunteers recruit & the cons by which he dropped ~~at~~ placed behind breast works if they dont do a better than they did at Ball's.

They must the thing be given up now if it is not worth fighting for, it is a waste having, But I reckon you are tired of the Militia so I will close.

We are all well don't you & good said me my coat as soon as possible.
Good bye
Teddy

P.S. Mary H. Linn (Meyer or rather) Thos Jackson is here she has just escaped from the Rebels she came from the county we adjoining Good her father is here also perhaps Mr Patton knows something of him.

