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Again I am happy to find an opportunity to scribble a few lines
We left Rock Castle River yesterday morning at 6 o'clock and arrived here at 3 P.M. when we found plenty of mud to lay in as usual but we made the march through the mud of 18 miles much easier than we expected The day before (3d) we were occupied nearly the whole day in getting the men and Train across the River and to the top of the hill just this side Nearly everything on the Train had to be unloaded and carried up the hill by the men and then help the mules haul the empty waggons
On the march of 15 miles from

the River here I saw but ~~from~~
4 small log Houses with but
a little clearing round them
The natives are making
maple sugar now but it looks
more like tarr than ~~the~~ sugar
Londonderry is a small dilapidated
Town, not as large as Brookfield
but its ~~of~~ general appearance would
lead one to think that it was
quite a thriving Town before
the war broke out There is no
Church but there is quite a large brick
School House, which plainly
shows the marks of the soldiers
and their bullets There are two
Hotells and 4 or 5 Stores which
are only kept afun by the patron
age of soldiers stationed here and
those passing through
There has been a great deal of
bushwhacking in this section
of the Country And Earth works

are to be seen on nearly every
hill top in sight of the
Town The men are Cleaning
and fixing up to day preparatory
to an early start tomorrow
morning for Flat Lick a
place 22 miles from here and
about half way from here to
Cumberland Gap We probably
shal not stop long at any place
until we get to the Gap
so I Cannot tell when I shal
get another opportunity of
Communicating with you
There is a P. O. here and I shal
send this tomorrow morning
We have recived no mail since
we left Point Burnside and it
it is uncertain when we shal
but hope to soon And you
must write as soon as you
get this and direct as
before Vra Lexington

Since being on the march
I have found out a fellow in
my Co by the name of Foster
a recruit from Portsmouth N.H.
who has served under Capt Josh
Hickey for seven years, and is
well acquainted with Sarah Abb
and Jim Hickey as well as C.
Muldham and Aunt Sarah. Says
he understood before he left the
the latter had retired from busin
Says he saw Jim Hickey last
Summer in N.O. but doesn't
speak very highly of him ~~and~~
He is well acquainted with Albert
Brown being 2d Mate of the Uncle
when A. went to Sea. Says he wa
the hardest nut of his inches
He speaks very highly of Capt Hick
and say Old Mrs H had been as
good as a mother to him, but I
must close my health never
was better and I hope this me
find you all enjoying the sam
As ever your affect son

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